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WEATHER FORECAST
Local—Rain, followed by clearing and colder; much colder tonight; strong northerly winds.
Eastern New York—Rain and colder in extreme south and rain changing to snow and colder in north and central portions; much colder tonight.
New Jersey—Rain and colder.

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3 FRANCO PLANES BOMB FRENCH NAVY TORPEDO VESSEL

Paris Warns Fascists on Bombings of Border Towns After Incident—Freighter Is Rescued by Destroyer Off Barcelona

CERBERE, France, Jan. 24 (UP).—Three Spanish fascist warplanes late today attacked the French navy's torpedo boat La Poursuivant and fought a battle with the ship's guns and French coastal batteries.

Two air bombs fell only a few feet from the stern of the torpedo boat, which immediately fired on the planes and drove them off.

French coastal batteries of Cerbere, which is just across the border from the Spanish town of Port Bou and at the head of the international railroad line, fired several rounds at the fleeing planes.

The fascist planes bombed the torpedo boat La Poursuivant in the midst of an aerial battle involving two fascist cruisers and two destroyers, eight fascist planes and three Loyalist planes.

SHELL PORTS

The fascist cruisers Canarias and Almirante Cervera, two destroyers and eight planes appeared off the Spanish coast near the French border in mid-afternoon and heavily bombarded several small Spanish ports.

The Poursuivant, based at Port Vendres, immediately sailed out and took up a position in readiness for any attacks on French territory.

BOMB SHIPS

Shortly after the torpedo boat took up its position three Loyalist planes appeared from the West and began bombing and machine-gunning the fascist warships before Franco's planes could intervene. None of the warships was hit, however.

As soon as the Loyalist planes opened fire on the fascist warships the latter headed for the open sea, laying down a heavy smoke screen to hide their flight.

The fascist planes appeared without warning out of the rolling clouds of black smoke, flew over French territorial waters and dropped two bombs at the Poursuivant.

FRENCH WARN FRANCO ON BOMBINGS

PARIS, Jan. 24 (UP).—The government today warned the Spanish fascists, coincident with a bombing attack on a French torpedo boat, that further bombings of French territory will bring armed retaliation from artillery batteries and fighting planes.

Edouard Daladier, Minister of Coordinated Defense, was instructed to hasten reinforcement of anti-aircraft defenses along the Pyrenees frontier to give full force to the threat, if necessary.

The warning was delivered to General Francisco Franco's Salamanca headquarters by French consular agents after the border prelecture report that, during yesterday's fascist air raid on the Spanish town of Puigcerda, 11 bombs fell on French soil.

TO FIRE ON PLANES

The protest to Salamanca was lodged, however, before word was received in Paris of today's fascist airplane attack on the French torpedo boat La Poursuivant off Cerbere.

The French protest said that any plane which ventures across the border again immediately will become the target of French guns and fighting planes.

The action was taken after consultation among Daladier, Minister of Interior Albert Sarraut and Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos.

The situation was made more tense by reports from Marseilles tonight that the French destroyer Albatros had rescued the French freighter Prado from a fascist gunboat off Palamos and escorted it into Barcelona, Spanish Loyalist provisional capital.

China Goveror Executed for Fleeing Japanese

HANKOW, Jan. 24 (UP).—Gov. Han Fu-Chu, 47-year-old Governor of Shantung Province, was executed today for retreating before the Japanese in disobedience to orders.

A court-martial last night found General Han guilty of all charges.

Shen Hung-Lien was appointed to succeed him as Governor. Shen is a former Mayor of Tsingtao.

10 Injured in Chicago Elevated Train Crash

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Ten persons were injured today when a westbound Lake St. elevated train crashed into the rear of a preceding train at the Laramie Ave. station on the west side.

FASCIST RAIDS WERE AIMED AT BRITISH M.P.'S

Puigcerda Bombing Was Planned to Wipe Out British Party

HENDAYE, FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER, Jan. 24 (UP). — A Spanish Loyalist communique reported tonight that yesterday's fascist air raid on the frontier town of Puigcerda was designed to wipe out a party of seven British Parliament members.

The Parliament group, including a former member of the Admiralty General Staff, had been in Spain on an inspection tour and had a narrow escape last week during an air raid on Valencia.

William Dobbie, Laborite M. P. from Rotherham and former Lord Mayor of York, who led the party, said after arriving in France that "the fascist planes have been chasing us throughout our travels in Spain."

"It was 'quite likely,' he said, that Puigcerda was bombed because they thought we might be passing through."

BACK LOYALISTS

All but one of the British M. P.'s were Laborites and staunch sympathizers of the Loyalist cause.

They left Barcelona about 11:30 last night, several hours after the fascist air squadron raided Puigcerda and took a toll of 30 dead, 29 wounded and heavy property damage.

Puigcerda suffered most in a series of Sunday fascist air raids in the North and along the Catalonian coast which, according to the Defense Ministry in Barcelona, accounted for 50 civilians dead, 100 wounded and great destruction.

SEEK VISITORS

The Defense Ministry, asserting that the enemy bombers were seeking the British visitors in the North, said:

"The rebel air force bombed routes and centers of communications between Barcelona and the Pyrenees route on which the British Parliamentary members were due to travel by automobile to the frontier station."

LITTLE FIGHTING AT TERUEL

BARCELONA, Tuesday, Jan. 25 (UP).—A Defense Ministry communique late last night said the day's activity on the Teruel Front was limited to rifle and artillery fire. Forty Loyalist planes machine-gunned and bombed enemy concentrations.

The communique mentioned that in two sectors the Loyalists "rectified their positions slightly."

Issues Appeal

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

F.D.R. Appeals For Red Cross Aid to China

President Appeals for Million Dollar Fund for Civilians

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt appealed to the nation tonight through the American Red Cross to donate "promptly and generously" at least $1,000,000 for the relief of Chinese civilians who have been deprived of their livelihood by the Sino-Japanese war.

In a letter to Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Red Cross chairman, Mr. Roosevelt said he is "confident" that there is a "widespread desire on the part of our citizens in every section of the country to contribute to a fund to aid in meeting the extreme distress of millions of civilian people in China."

The text of his letter to Grayson follows:

"There is, I am confident, a widespread desire on the part of our citizens in every section of the country to contribute to a fund to aid in meeting the extreme distress of millions of civilian people in China. I feel that our people are deeply sympathetic with those in need in this situation and will wish by their voluntary contributions to take some larger part in aiding in this humanitarian task in which the people of many countries are participating.

PLEAD FOR AID

"The need of the Chinese is evidenced by the fact that when the International Red Cross Committee made inquiry of both the Japanese and Chinese Red Cross societies the Japanese society replied that their resources were adequate to deal with their situation and the Chinese stated that they very much needed outside assistance.

"In order to give effect to this desire to aid the people of China it is necessary that some organization be designated to supervise the collection and distribution of funds and for such a task we naturally turn to the Red Cross.

"I should like to request, therefore, that the Red Cross take such steps as it may deem appropriate to afford the American people an opportunity to respond by their contributions to the need of our suffering fellow-beings and I trust that their response will result in a good-will offering of as much as perhaps one million dollars. In response to such an appeal I urge that all our citizens give promptly and generously."

JUDGE RULES COUNCIL POST TO CASHMORE

Laborites Map Strategy To Unseat Tammany Man at Today's Session

Supreme Court Justice John E. McGeehan, Bronx Democratic Party wheel-horse, yesterday ruled that John Cashmore, Brooklyn Democrat, is the legal vice-chairman of the City Council by virtue of a 13 to 12 vote, which the anti-Tammany Councilmen charge was one short of a majority of the 26 elected members of the body.

Immediately after the decision was handed down, B. Charney Vladeck, Laborite and Majority Leader, conferred with Mayor LaGuardia. Emerging from the Mayor's office, he had nothing to say "at this time," but added significantly:

"I will have plenty to say at the Council meeting tomorrow."

Justice McGeehan asserted that the Council "should be immune from judicial process in matters legislative," but added that Council President Newbold Morris had no legal right to rule that Cashmore's 13 votes did not constitute a majority or interfere with Cashmore's rights to the position of vice-chairman.

VACATES STAY

The court decision followed another ruling on the case earlier in the day when Corporation Counsel W. C. Chanler appeared in Justice McGeehan's court to argue against Cashmore's petition. During the hearing McGeehan said he had vacated the stay which forbade Morris and other members of the Council to declare the vice-chairmanship vacant.

He said the only matter upon which the court would decide was whether or not Cashmore's 13 votes constituted a majority of the body.

Chanler opened the argument for the city stating: "This is a very serious question—whether a court can stay a legislative body."

Justice McGeehan replied that on his own motion he had vacated the stay and had called the Corporation Counsel's office on the phone last Thursday to advise of his action. But Mr. Chanler said he was never advised that the stay was vacated.

DOOLING PRESENT

Cashmore was represented in court by E. Ivan Rubenstein and George Rosling. The silent man behind the legal battery was John T. Dooling, chairman of the Tammany

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Heavy Losses By U.S. Boys at Teruel Denied

Fascist Dispatches Admit Volunteers Battle 'Valiantly' at Front

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 24.—Flat denial of fascist claims that the American and British brigades fighting at the Teruel front were decimated was broadcast today by government radio stations.

The government said the Abraham Lincoln and George Washington Brigades of anti-fascist volunteers from the United States and the Walter Brigade of British fighters had not suffered heavy losses.

On the contrary, the government reported, a whole squadron of Moorish cavalry which ventured into a ravine near Teruel was wiped out when it ran square into the withering fire of the Americans' machine-guns.

The fascist despatches did not venture, however, to disparage the courage of the American and British volunteers, admitting they were battling "valiantly."

SEE FRANCO CLAIMS FALSE

The repeated Spanish fascist announcements of "wholesale annihilation" of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, capped yesterday by a fascist report that they had been "wiped out" at Teruel, are poppycock which have been proven false in every single instance, the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 125 W. 45th St., declared yesterday.

"Declarations of the destruction of the Lincoln Brigade are made by Franco's forces only to shatter the morale of the families and friends of the 3,200 Americans now fighting for democracy in Spain," the organization charged.

Bullitt, Delbos Confer

PARIS, Jan. 24 (UP). — Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos conferred today with William C. Bullitt, American Ambassador.

Soviet Union Reaffirms Friendship to China

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGCHING, China, Jan. 24. —The new Soviet Ambassador to China, Ivan Luganetz-Orelsky, yesterday presented his credentials to President Lin Sen of China and told him that the Soviet Union looks upon a free, united and independent China as a prime necessity for world peace.

Luganetz-Orelsky flew to Chungching, the temporary capital of the Chinese Central Government, from Hankow, to take up his duties as diplomatic representative of the Soviet Government in China.

He is the first foreign ambassador to come to Chungching, which is located in Szechuan province, in the West of China, since the Chinese Government transferred its principal headquarters here.

"The Soviet Union," Luganetz-Orelsky declared, "has from the very first days of its existence founded its relations to China upon the basis of complete equality and honest, disinterested friendship.

"The Soviet Union has not altered its adherence to this policy. The Soviet Government considers that the existence and development of a united, really independent and free China is an indispensable and highly important basis for peace and friendship between the peoples throughout the world."

In reply President Lin Sen said: "The extreme love of peace of the Chinese people and their efforts to maintain their existence domestically and to insure peaceful co-existence with other countries in foreign affairs is adequately proven by the centuries-old culture and history of China.

"The peoples of the Soviet Union, long animated by similar strivings, have waged their struggle for 20 years, working at a high pitch of intensity.

"The neighborly existence of the two great peoples on the Asiatic continent is a pleasing factor. The treaty relations between China and the U.S.S.R. are founded upon a basis of mutual respect, equality and sincere friendship, and likewise prove that the peoples of both countries desire to live and grow in conditions of peace."

SEN. BARKLEY PLEDGES ACTION FOR ANTI-LYNCH BILL TO LABOR, NEGRO DELEGATION IN CAPITAL

New York Delegation to Washington Protests Filibuster

—Daily Worker Staff Photo

Four representatives chosen by 600 persons attending the recent Harlem Legislative Conference to appear in Washington against the filibuster are shown above. They are (left to right): Alan McKenzie, member of Continuations Committee; the Rev. John Wallace Robinson of Christ Community Church; Frankie Duty, chairman of the Harlem Workers' Alliance, and Mary Lurie of the Associated Workers in Public Relief Agencies.

Brophy Blasts Filibuster As Undemocratic in Call for Bill's Passage

WAGNER THANKED

James W. Ford in Group Visiting Senators to Push Measure

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Administration tonight convoked the first of a proposed series of night sessions designed to break up the legislative log-jam created by the Southern filibuster against the Anti-Lynch Bill and clear the way for consideration of major business.

Meanwhile Sen. Robert F. Wagner, D., N. Y., co-author of the bill, promised to make every effort to force a showdown vote. "That's all I want—a vote," he said. "I am going to object to bringing up anything but privileged matters."

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Labor and progressive forces rallied today to break the disgraceful filibuster of the Southern Senators designed to kill the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill.

Two significant developments followed rapidly one after another.

First, John Brophy, CIO director, issued a hard-hitting, plain-spoken statement assailing "the disgraceful tactics of filibuster" and calling for immediate passage of the anti-lynching bill.

Second, a broad delegation of 30 representatives of labor, civil and fraternal groups visited the Senate to press for action to stop the filibuster, by cloture if necessary.

"UNDEMOCRATIC"

"The Committee for Industrial Organization already has gone on record endorsing the passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill," Brophy said. "The present filibuster against the bill in the Senate of the United States makes it necessary that we emphatically reaffirm our desire that this bill be passed in its present form immediately.

"The attempt of a small minority of Senators to block consideration of the bill through a filibuster is undemocratic. This attempt can and should be defeated.

"We call on those responsible for the management of the business of the United States Senate to take effective methods to secure the immediate passage of this bill.

"Those who have resorted to the disgraceful tactics of filibuster are not only guilty of seeking to deny to all citizens adequate protection in their constitutional rights; but, are as well impeding the passage of legislation vitally important to the welfare of the American people."

BIG DELEGATION

Following the strong statement issued yesterday by Eli L. Oliver, Executive Vice-President of the Labor's Non-Partisan League, Brophy's declaration indicated clearly that the labor movement is throwing its resources into a last-minute fight to push the bill through over the determined opposition of the small band of filibusterers.

The delegation which visited the Senate included representatives of important Negro and white organizations both in New York and Washington.

Organized by the National Negro Congress, in support of the fight which the National Association for

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Negro Group Charges Bias By Police in Queens Riot

Negroes Charged with Murder as Whites Are Released

Seven Negro workers, all residents of Jamaica, were held last night on charges of homicide, felonious assault and disorderly conduct following the death of Robert Thomas, white, 22 at, at 4 A.M. Monday when a crowd of white men and women attacked a group of Negroes during a dispute which arose over their parked automobiles.

Although all evidence gathered by the Daily Worker yesterday indicated that the fatal stabbing could not be traced to any of the Negro defendants now being held, Jamaica police were nevertheless holding the seven Negroes on tentative charges of homicide and felonious assault.

None of the white participants in the fight was charged with anything more serious than disorderly conduct, despite the fact that police arrested them on the scene of the clash while it was still in progress.

"DISCRIMINATION"

Dr. John A. Singleton, president of the Jamaica Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, declared that the charges against the seven men amounted to "rank discrimination" and said that unfair and brutal treatment of Negroes by the Jamaica police was "nothing new."

The fight occurred at 105th Ave. and 171st St., South Jamaica, dur-

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6-Year-Old Child Kills Self in Revolver Play

A 6-year-old boy playfully put a 32 caliber automatic to his heart yesterday and pulled the trigger. He fell dead before the eyes of his uncle, Emanuel Silberman, a jeweler, of 2154 3rd Ave.

The boy was Irwin Rasoff of 142 Morton Pl., the Bronx. He went to the store after school yesterday.

10-Ton Rock Kills 2 Negro Pupils

WELCH, W. Va., Jan. 24.—A ten-ton boulder rolled down a mountain and tore through two stories of the Elkhorn Negro High School today, killing two students.

Three other students and a teacher, Sherman Collins, were injured.

The school is in a coal mining community about 15 miles from Welch.

Poison Plot Charged to Illness of 63 Prisoners

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24 (UP).—Sixty-three prisoners in the Lincoln Heights jail became violently ill today as a result of what authorities said was a wholesale poison plot. City health officials said the prisoners became ill after eating hash in which lye soap had been placed

Lewis Predicts Labor Will Beat Recession In Message to UMW

CIO Will Tighten Its Ranks, Says Leader in Fighting Speech to UMW Delegates on Eve of Historic Convention

[Interview with Philip Murray, first vice-president of the United Mine Workers and chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, appears on Page 3.]

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Organized labor will weather the storm of industrial recession and emerge stronger than ever before, Chairman John L. Lewis of the CIO declared today.

The CIO will consolidate its ranks, he said, confident that when the economic tide turns, "untold thousands" of unorganized workers will flock into its ranks.

Lewis delivered his hopeful, fighting message to District 50, the Gas By-Product, Coke and Chemical Division, of the United Mine Workers of America.

The CIO leader and President of the U.M.W. spoke on the eve of the 35th constitutional convention of the great industrial union of miners which opens here tomorrow morning at the Rialto Theatre.

600,000 MINERS REPRESENTED

Some 2,000 delegates representing close to 600,000 organized miners from the coal fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Alabama and many other states are expected to be present.

Already the large recently renovated building which houses the International is crowded with miners, Negro and white, who wander about in the comfortable rooms and stand on the steps, proudly surveying their new headquarters.

Lewis indicated the wide range of the discussions which are expected at the International convention in his friendly, informal talk to this young district of the union.

He stressed the need of "fighting for relief for the unemployed while

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Mussolini Son In Africa on Hop to Brazil

Flying in Type of Plane Used in Bombing of Loyalist Cities

DAKAR, Senegal, Africa, Jan. 24. —Fresh from killing innocent Spanish kids in air raids on Spanish Loyalist cities, Bruno Mussolini and two companions, piloting Italian bombing planes of the type used in Spain, landed here late today on the first lap of a flight to Rio de Janeiro.

The flight has been publicized to demonstrate the "good will" of the fascist regime of Bruno's father, fascist dictator Benito Mussolini of Italy, with the dictatorship of President Getulio Vargas of Brazil.

The 20-year-old "whelp" of the war-mad Mussolini was accompanied by Colonel Attilio Biseo, his companion on bombing raids in Spain and Ethiopia and his father's personal pilot, and by Capt. Min Moscatelli. Biseo is the flight commander.

DuPont Blasts Common, Townfolk Say; Cite Perils

By Ernest Pendrell

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 24.—Room 414 in the Homeopathic Hospital here is probably the most closely guarded room anywhere in America, for in that chamber, Raymond Hale is dying of burns received in the explosion across the river in the du Pont plant at Deepwater, N. J., which killed two men, wounded many more and tore the Neoprene plant apart.

The hospital attendants told me that they had orders not to let anyone speak to Hale.

One of them who caught me trying to get up the back way, said: "We got orders to let no one in. Only the relatives."

"Who gave you those orders?"

"That's none of your business. Who runs this town?" he asked me.

"Du Pont."

"Well, then, do I have to say any more?"

Not that Hale could say anything. His face and body were suffering from third degree burns. His condition is so serious that he may be dead when you read this.

NOT MUCH OF SHOCK

The explosion didn't shock Wilmington too much. It's considered a common occurrence around here. The only questions one hears in town concern the severity of the disaster.

Delaware has grown accustomed to du Pont explosions which puff out the lives of many of their sons. Delaware has been hearing and suffering under du Pont explosions since 1807 when the powder plant of the first Irenee du Pont blew up.

The scar in the earth that stares at you in Deepwater was caused by

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Society Actress Commits Suicide In Her Garage

OLD BROOKVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 24 (UP).—Clad in an evening gown and an expensive fur coat, Rosamond Pinchot, famous actress and niece of the former governor of Pennsylvania, was found dead today in her automobile in the garage of an estate she rented here.

A length of garden hose led from the exhaust pipe of the automobile through a rear window and into the body of the car. Police said the beautiful 32-year-old daughter of Amos Pinchot, widely known attorney, apparently had committed suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes.

Senator Pope Urges Boycott in Endorsing China Aid Conference

Raps Aggressor Nations as Racketeers in Boycott Endorsement Against Japanese Goods, China Aid Council to Hold Parley

Senator James P. Pope of Idaho endorses the boycott of Japanese goods and expresses his conviction that an aggressor nation "should not have any assistance from a peace-loving, democratic people" in a statement released by the China Aid Council of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

"I am happy to say that I join with Senator Norris in the opinion that we should boycott Japan," Senator Pope's statement says. "A nation which resorts to aggression, such as Japan is now perpetrating on China, should not have any assistance from a peace-loving, democratic people either directly or indirectly.

"The aggressor nation, who violates this territorial integrity of a weaker neighbor, is in the same class with the individual racketeer or outlaw in our society. If civilization has not advanced far enough to stop lawlessness among nations, it should at least refrain from assisting it.

"My best wishes for the success of your conference."

REFERS TO CHINA PARLEY

Senator Pope refers to the Conference to Boycott Japanese Goods called by the China Aid Council to be held on Feb. 5 at the New School for Social Research in New York City. The meeting has been endorsed by trade union leaders, educators, religious leaders and authors and many trade unions have already elected delegates to attend the conference.

Among unions sending delegates are the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Furriers Joint Council, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers District 4, Local 5 of the Teachers Union, Workers Alliance, Maritime Council of New York, American Federation of Musicians Local 802, United Wholesale Employes, Local 1011 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Ladies Auxiliary District Council 9 of the Painters, Fur Floor Boys, Watchmakers Union, Local 259 United Automobile Workers, and Local 66 of the International Ladies Garment Workers.

Prominent individuals supporting the conference include Prof. Margaret Schlauch, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, LeRoy E. Bowman, Roger Baldwin, Maxwell Stewart, Mervyn Rathborne, Louis Weinstock, Isidore Sorkin, Luther Adler, William Gropper, Robert Morss Lovett, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Prof. Bernhard J. Stern, Dr. Max Yergan, Ben Davis Jr., and Dr. Theodore Brameld.

Lions, Kiwanis Clubs Back Boycott

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24.—The local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs have endorsed the boycott of Japanese goods initiated in this city by the American League for Peace and Democracy, which will hold a city-wide boycott mass meeting early in February.

The boycott in this city has spread so effectively that the McCrory stores here are advertising that they carry no Japanese-made goods.

Big Detroit Shop Puts in Heavy Stock of Lisle

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Jan. 24. — Is the boycott against Japanese goods effective?

The experience of the S. L. Bird women's apparel shop on the main street of this town proves that it is.

A month ago the Committee to Aid the Chinese People suggested to the store that it lay in a stock of lisle hose.

Today the store reports that it has had to re-order its stock of lisle stockings six times since then, and that the latest order was sold out in one hour last Thursday.

All the girl employes of the shop wear lisle over the protest of the boss, who insists that the stockings be saved for the customers.

Norris Backs Boycott of Japanese

Urges Women to Stop Buying Silk Stockings, Hits Brutality

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Sen. George W. Norris, I., Neb., today endorsed a boycott of Japanese goods as a means to **"defeat Japan in her cruel, inhuman, merciless and indefensible attack"** on China.

In a statement approving a boycott instituted by the Washington League of Women Shoppers, Norris said that the **"Women of America have it within their power to bring to an end the war against China."**

He said that peace in the Far East and perhaps the peace of the world **"depends to a very great extent upon whether the women of America will embrace the opportunity now presented to win the war in China for a peaceful people historically friendly to the United States."**

URGES SUBSTITUTES

Norris contended that if American women ceased wearing silk stockings it would take as many workers to make stockings out of whatever substitute was chosen for the Japanese product.

"Japan has slaughtered hundreds of thousands of innocent women and children," he said. "She is conducting her warfare in a way which would be a disgrace to the worst barbarians the world has ever known.

"It is a well known fact that Japan is practically bankrupt. She cannot continue this warfare unless in some way she can secure a great amount of money, which necessarily she must get from her exports."

Of silk, Japan's chief export, the women of America buy 85 per cent, he said, while a large proportion of the remaining 15 per cent goes to England. He declared that Japan's credit is at a "very low ebb" and that she cannot borrow money outside her own country.

"If she cannot get cash for her silk, she cannot continue her merciless warfare," Norris said.

Regarding large purchases of American cotton by Japan, he pointed out that "one of the objectives Japan has in view, however, is to produce her own cotton in China after she has conquered that country. So ultimately the cotton production of America will lose if Japan succeeds in her murderous ambition."

Hatters Ask AFL to Push Tokio Boycott

Zaritsky Sends Letter to Council Meeting Urging Action

An appeal to make the anti-Japanese boycott effective has been presented to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, now meeting in Miami, Fla., in a letter from President Max Zaritsky of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, it was announced yesterday by the union.

The union has been leading in the boycott movement against Japan launched at the last A. F. of L. convention at Denver, Col.

The letter urged that the boycott be made effective in America and throughout the world by means of international labor cooperation, as proposed by the trade unions of Great Britain and the International Federation of Trade Unions.

Detailed plans for the world-wide enforcement of the boycott were presented a few days ago by Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress and president of the International Federation of Trade Unions, to A. F. of L. President William Green.

The present Japanese aggression is but the climax in a war of economic extermination waged by Japanese interests against American industry, President Zaritsky declared.

Dumping of goods produced by Japanese coolie labor has wrought havoc in the American hat industry, he said. Japanese imports of wool felt hats rose from 24,000 in 1929 to 7,207,200 for the first eleven months of 1937. The result has been an alarming decline in employment and earnings in the domestic hat factories, President Zaritsky stated.

Contrasting American wages with those of Japanese workers whose earnings amount to 5½ cents per hour for men and only 2½ cents for women, the letter asserted that Japanese dumping must be resisted "not only on humanitarian grounds, but also in the interests of self-preservation and in defense of American standards and the American way of life."

BALTIMORE TO HOLD LARGEST LENIN RALLY

To Reach Full Quota at Meeting, Mother Bloor to Speak

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 24.—The Communist Party of Maryland will honor the memory of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union, who died on Jan. 21, 1924, at a large mass meeting to be held in Lehmann Hall, 848 N. Howard St., Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

This meeting, on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the death of the leader of the Communist International, will be one of the largest ever held in Baltimore by the Communist Party. It will also serve as the close of the Party Building Drive, which in this District, covering the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, is expected to reach the quota accepted at the opening of the Drive.

Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, 76-year-old veteran labor leader, who just returned from a tour of the Soviet Union, will be one of the main speakers. Peter V. Cacchione, popular Communist Party Councilmanic candidate in the recent New York elections, will be another speaker.

Lenin Symposium Here Tomorrow

"Lenin's Contribution to Modern Thought" will be the subject of a symposium of progressive cultural leaders tomorrow night, commemorating the 14th anniversary of the death of the founder of the Soviet Union. The symposium, which will take place in the Hotel Center, 108 W. 43rd St., has been arranged by the American Friends of the Soviet Union.

Louis Boudin, noted labor attorney and constitutional authority; Robert W. Dunn, director of the Labor Research Association; Professor V. J. McGill of Hunter College, and Moissaye Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit, will speak at the symposium. Malcolm Cowley, editor of the New Republic, will be chairman.

3 FILMS AT TOLEDO RALLY

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 24.—"War in China," a two-reel film depicting the horrible onslaught of Japanese imperialism against the people of China, will be one of three short films shown at the Lenin Memorial Meeting in Toledo, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in Swiss Hall, 735 S. St. Clair St.

Louis F. Budenz, who will edit the new "Midwest Daily Record" (soon to be published in Chicago), and a participant who was arrested in the Toledo Auto-Lite strike in 1934, will speak on the subject, "Will You Work Tomorrow?" While Budenz was in jail in Toledo during the famous "Battle of Chestnut Hill," he received a telegram telling of the birth of a baby daughter.

OTIS HOOD TO SPEAK AT PAWTUCKET RALLY

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Jan. 24.—Otis Hood, chairman of the Massachusetts State Communist Party, will be the main speaker at the Lenin memorial meeting being held here this Sunday in the British-American Hall, 63 High St.

East Side C. P. Branch Holds Lenin Meeting

One of the most successful of the neighborhood Lenin Memorial meetings in New York was that of the Avenue C Branch of the Communist Party's Lower East Side branch at Hennington Hall, where 800 heard Israel Amter speak on "Lenin and Pogroms."

Coming at a moment when Rumania followed the footsteps of Nazi Germany in oppression of the Jewish people, the teachings of Lenin were easily driven home to the audience.

Fifteen joined the Party immediately on appeal by Amter, and a collection of $85 was taken for the Daily Worker. The collection went on top of the well-oversubscribed quota of the branch which broke all records in the fund collection campaign.

The Lenin Memorial also brought to a successful conclusion the recruiting campaign of the branch in which it holds a foremost place.

HERO OF TRAGIC QUEBEC FIRE

Brother Liboire, who saved 13 boys in the fatal fire at the College of the Sacred Heart in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, receives comforts from his nurse, and the thanks of Roland Manseau, 14, one of the boys he saved. Brother Liboire is recovering from painful burns.

Cardenas Land Reform Deals Blow to Hearst

Faithful Adherence to Long-Needed Agrarian Program Distributes Rich Hearstian Lands to Mexican Peasants

By Miguel Velasco

MEXICO CITY (By Mail).—In Mexico, more than in any other Latin-American country, the monopoly of land in the hands of a few has been the most important factor—contributing towards the backwardness of the nation. Latifundism, or absentee landlordism, which has been until recently the predominant form of ownership of property, impeded the economic and cultural development of the country.

This explains why the struggle for land has always been the axis of the entire revolutionary movement whose roots we can trace to the War of Independence of 1810. The Mexican revolution had as one of its fundamental motives a profound agrarian reform, and this aspiration was converted into the program of the first governments that arose from the revolution.

But not one of them has complied so faithfully with this program found in the agrarian legislation of the country as the present administration of Lazaro Cardenas.

Until now, land belonging to United States citizens was rarely affected, for all the previous administrations refused to comply with the Mexican laws when it was a question of applying them to Yankee property.

Today we are faced with a different state of affairs. It is fitting and proper to publicize some of the facts that discloses President Cardenas' aim of fully carrying out the agrarian reform, within the legal framework created by the Mexican Revolution.

HEARST ENEMY OF MEXICANS

In the State of Chihuahua, the largest in the Republic, exists the biggest landed estate, the Ranch of Saint Jose Babicora, with 512,920 hectares, or more than 1,277,000 acres. Its owner is none other than William Randolph Hearst, the worst enemy of the Mexican people.

Hearst has always conspired against the independence of the Mexican nation. He has been the instigator and protector of more than one armed reactionary adventure, and is today lending his aid to a group of adventurers and traitors who wish to provoke an aggression of the big United States imperialist interests against Mexico. Our entire country knows that General Nicolas Rodriguez, chief of the Golden Shirts of Mexico, is a Hearst tool.

A governmental decree was issued in July of 1937 against the estate of Hearst, according to which 9,228 hectares (more than 22,800 acres) of land are being expropriated to be turned over to the poor farmers of the town of Madera. Before this, 1,527 hectares (about 3,770 acres) were expropiated from the same ranch of Babicora.

Evidently, the part of Hearst's property affected by the government decree is very small. Numerous small villages exist within the radius of the Babicora Ranch, the inhabitants of which are literally drowned within the enormous Hearst property, without having even the tiniest piece of land with which to support themselves. Among the farmers that live in these villages are many Indians of the Tarahumara tribe, whose miserable existence is due to the plunder they suffered at the hands of the landowners.

However, the first steps have already been taken and soon these villages will follow the example of the farmers of Madera and exact land from the ranch of Babicora grants with which to cover their daily needs. And in this struggle they will be stimulated and backed up by the entire Mexican nation, which is not ignorant of the existence of the Hearst property in the State of Chihuahua. We are trying to save thousands of poor farmers from misery and to destroy as well an economic position that is utilized to fight the Mexican people.

There is actually functioning within the Hearst estate the first farmers' community, which has received a grant of nearly 10,000 hectares (20,500 acres) from the lands of Babicora as the fruits of its firm and stubborn struggle. This community is led by an ordinary farmer who is a member of the Communist Party of Mexico and who fights fearlessly to vindicate the poor farmers of Chihuahua.

This measure of the Cardenas government against the Hearst property should be considered as a victory not only for the Mexican nation, but for the American nation as well.

Jam Providence Lenin Meeting

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 24.—More than 600 persons gathered in Infantry Hall here last night to pay tribute to the memory of Vladimir Lenin, great leader of the international working class who died 14 years ago.

Israel Amter, New York State organizer of the Communist Party, and Ann Burlak, chairman of the meeting, delivered the principal speeches.

British M.P.s Pay Last Respects To English Sailors Killed by Italian Bombs in Spanish Port

Loyalist Officials Assail Nazi Intervention at Funeral in Shadow of Old Roman Ruins—See Invasion Repelled Once Again

By Joseph North

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, Jan. 24.—When they laid the caskets with the bodies of the British sailors down in that cemetery on the hill in 2,000-year-old Tarragona and the Spanish official turned to the English deputies, saying, "Here is your non-intervention," there was little more to be said.

The British had been killed by Italian bombs while unloading coal in a Spanish Republican port.

Here it was before your eyes, the fruits of one of the greatest crimes of our century, non-intervention. Everybody realized it, including the group of British Labor deputies who were returning from their week's tour of Spain, having narrowly escaped death three different times.

Gen. Queipo de Llano had broadcasted, "They don't like the bouquets we greeted them with."

M. P. SPEAKS

The Tarragona people crowded around the caskets covered by the Union Jack, and Labor M. P. William Dobbie said a few words.

"Yes," he said, "these good men have died because international law was not upheld. They died in the cause of liberty.

"In the name of the Labor Party, I dedicate a salute to the dead."

No doubt about it, the fascist airmen made direct attempts to bomb the British merchant vessel Thorpeness in Tarragona harbor. They cannot plead ignorance or accident, like the Japanese concerning the "Panay."

Captain C. E. Roberts, master of the Thorpeness, pointed to a 28-foot Union Jack stretched across the top of the wireless room.

"DELIBERATE"

"That flag is clearly visible to aircraft," he said. "The airmen knew they were attacking a British ship. It was deliberate because all three bombs were aimed at us.

"The ship had been unloading coal for 18 days. It was attacked three times in that period. The previous Sunday three planes dropped bombs 200 feet from the ship. The Wednesday before, three bombs fell on the quay."

The seamen unloading coal for Spain, though already attacked twice, refused to abandon their task, their captain said.

"We shall carry on like British sailors. It will take more than bombs to stop us from doing our duty," he told us.

This ship's captain reads the London Daily Worker and the liberal Manchester Guardian.

FINAL SALUTE

The skipper turned and looked out at the blue Mediterranean.

"We hope whatever nation these airmen belonged to will be proud of the great exploit carried out by their gallant flying men against a defenseless ship, against men employed in their lawful occupations."

The Thorpeness is the only boat in the port. Tarragona authorities said the bomb was of Italian origin. Chief Officer F. A. Galbraith vouched for that.

Headed by the ship's officers and crew, the Labor M. P.s, the representatives of the Government and the Mayor of Tarragona, the funeral procession proceeded to the top of a hill overlooking the sea where the final salute was given these victims of fascism.

ROME TRIES AGAIN

You could look down and see Tarragona gleaming in the sun. Tarragona, 2,000 years old, with the Roman ruins proudly displayed along the Valencia-Barcelona highway.

Yes, 2,000 years ago, imperial Rome had come in to subject the Tarragonese to their sway. Today Mussolini was trying it again.

In the old days they tried it with the Roman short sword and spear. Today they tried it with Caproni.

In the old days, the Spanish rose up and drove the invaders into the sea. Only the ruins of Rome were left to shine in the sun.

As Senor Torres, representing the Spanish Government, spoke, you understood that today's Roman imperialists, Mussolini's fascists, were going to be foiled again.

"The Spanish people," Torres said, "are fighting for their independence and for world democracy."

The carabineros saluted sharply as they swung past with the brisk step of the Spanish People's Army. The citizenry and the representatives of the C.N.T. and the U.G.T. raised their clenched fists in the salute of the Popular Front.

The bayonets of the People's Army sparkled in the sun. Down below you could see the ruins of Roman imperialism through the sharp-edged bayonets.

Japan Closely Watches Anti-War Sentiment

Press, Movies and Theatre Watched for Any Opposition—All Caught Are Given Severe Punishment by Laws

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—Fearful of an outburst of popular indignation against the invasion of China, the cost of which has been tremendous in lives and money, the Japanese government has speeded up the campaign to crush any sign of organized opposition within Japan, it was learned here today.

Particularly severe measures are meted out to those active in the anti-war movement.

An advisory council of the recently outlawed Japanese Proletarian Party, of Nihon Musanto, which had continued to function in the city of Tokio and in nearby prefectures, has been disbanded by decree of the government.

CHECK FILMS

The programs of theatres and moving picture houses are being rigorously checked by the police to prevent infiltration of "Left ideology" and to press programs designed to enhance "spiritual mobilization of the people" for the war in China.

The Tokio Independent Writers Club has been broken up by the police, while the character of the formerly Left magazine, Yubikoron Kenqukai, published by the Society for Study of Materialism, has been completely reversed under police pressure.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—An increase in the electro-chemical industry in Manchukuo has been decided upon, it was announced here today. The purpose of the expansion program will be to initiate or accelerate production of artificial silk, chemical fertilizers and artificial rubber.

U.S. Isolation May Lead to War, Dodd Says

Hits Post-War Policies and Failure to Enter League in Forum

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—William E. Dodd, former Ambassador to Germany, denounced post-war policies of the United States, Great Britain and France last night and warned America that its policy of isolation might indirectly involve it in another war.

Speaking at Washington's weekly Town Hall Forum, Dodd, who recently resigned his diplomatic post, blamed the "worst international dilemma mankind has known since the days of Napoleon" on the failure of the United States to enter the League of Nations. He said the refusal of the American people "to exercise the utmost influence to try to prevent war" was a mistake.

"The whole of Europe now is confronted with basic violations of the principles for which Americans fought in 1917," Dodd said, "and the Americans were the ones who started the violations."

Unsparing in his criticism of Great Britain, France and the United States for their roles in post-war politics, Dodd asserted that the "German people are probably more democratic than any in Europe—instinctively."

Bulgaria Cabinet Changed After Parley with King

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Cabinet was reshuffled today because of internal dissension.

Minister of Interior Ivan Krasnovsky resigned and was replaced by former Minister of Education Alexander Nicolaieff. Minister of War Gen. Ivan Lukoff resigned and was replaced by Gen. Nicholas Daskaloff, Commander of the Pleven Garrison. Prof. George Maneff, Rector of Sofia University, was appointed Minister of Education.

Minister of Commerce Dimitri Baroff announced that he also resigned, because Lukoff was his personal friend. A successor was not appointed immediately.

The changes were made after a conference with King Boris.

Japan Will Not Attend Geneva Labor Meeting

TOKIO, Jan. 24 (UP).—A Ministry of Welfare communique tonight said that Japan will not participate in the Geneva Labor Council meeting.

Japan withdrew from the League of Nations after her invasion of Manchuria was denounced.

The Japanese Committee of the International Chambers of Commerce announced today it was unable to entertain the 10th Congress

Plan Sendoff for Veterans' Delegates

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Jan. 24. — A send-off meeting of delegates to the forthcoming Washington conference of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade will be held Saturday night, Jan. 29, at 7:30 P. M. at 777 W. Adams St.

Dates in the Life of Lenin

Worked to Unite Social-Democratic Groups

The Daily Worker publishes herewith the second installment in a series of important dates in the life of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. On the occasion of the anniversary of Lenin's death, the Daily Worker is publishing this series in daily installments.

1895: Lenin leads the work of preparing for uniting the St. Petersburg Social Democratic circles into one organization, and after a conference with leaders of Social Democratic groups of various cities of Russia, goes abroad in May, in order to establish contact with "The Emancipation of Labor" group. While abroad he makes the acquaintance of Plekhanov, and later of Paul Lafargue and Kautsky; he works in the Berlin State Library, and in September returns from abroad, bringing illegal literature in a valise with a false bottom. After returning Lenin goes to Vilno, Moscow and Orekhovo-Zuyevo for meetings with local Social Democrats.

OCT.-DEC. 1895: Lenin is at the head of the St. Petersburg "League for the Struggle for the Emancipation of the Working Class," in which Gleb Krzhizhanovsky, Krupskaya and others participate, and he prepares the publication of an illegal paper. Lenin regards this date as the date when he joined the Party.

DEC. 21, 1895: Lenin's lodgings searched and he is arrested for illegal activity.

1896: Lenin in the St. Petersburg prison carries on correspondence, illegally, with other people who were arrested, and with the comrades remaining at liberty, he writes a number of leaflets and works on the preparation of his book: "The Development of Capitalism in Russia."

1897: In February, Nicholas II issues an "Imperial Order" exiling Lenin to Eastern Siberia under police surveillance, for three years. Lenin utilizes the permission granted him to spend a few days in St. Petersburg and Moscow to prepare for his departure, and conducts meetings of Social Democrats. Lenin leaves for Krasnoyarsk and from there to the village of Shushenskoe in Minusinsk County; here he writes a number of his outstanding works, which were later published abroad.

1898-1899: Lenin marries Krupskaya. Lenin finishes his book "The Development of Capitalism in Russia," translates books by Sydney and Beatrice Webb, and a number of articles. Calls a meeting of exiled Social Democrats at which a protest is registered against the anti-revolutionary group of the Bernstein tendency, which was attempting to direct the working class movement along the path of liberalism. Lenin draws up a draft program of the Party, writes a review of Kautsky's books, keeps up the closest contact with the revolutionary organization in Russia.

1900-1901: Lenin, after serving his term of exile illegally leaves for St. Petersburg, and is arrested for this; later, together with Krupskaya, he emigrates abroad and settles down in Geneva. Abroad, Lenin conducts active leading work, writes a great deal for the Social Democratic paper "Iskra," organizes the revolutionary League of Social Democrats Abroad, writes a number of articles on agrarian problems.

Party Builders Congress Feb. 18-21 to Mark End of Drive

'Captive' Pits Major Issue at UMW Parley

Murray Stresses Urgency of Signed Contracts with Captive Mines, Convention to Consider Child Education

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 24.—Charting a course that will bring signed contracts to "captive" pits will be a major item of business before the United Mine Workers convention, Philip Murray, international vice-president of the union, indicated to the Daily Worker.

Meeting tomorrow in Washington, more than 2,000 delegates are expected at the 25th Convention of the largest union in the United States.

"I suppose that the convention will adopt a policy that has as its purpose conclusion of signed contracts with the captive mines," Murray said.

Many of the captive pits are subsidiaries of the large steel corporations, Bethlehem Steel, one of the die-hard anti-labor corporations which refused to sign with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee controls a large number of such mines.

"Let us visualize what may happen if there is no signed contract," Murray declared. "The miners are left to the mercy of the operators who may seek to cut wages any time they see fit. There is only a limited medium to halt their power in this respect."

Many of the mines have verbal agreements and the miners who are members of the U.M.W. get the same wages as pits under contract.

Back of the problems of getting the captive mine operators to sign and correcting the ills of the "sick" industry in order to increase the purchasing power of the miners, Murray feels that the union can do much to change the life of the mining communities.

CHILD EDUCATION ISSUE

"The convention will probably consider the problem of education for the miners' children, music, theatrical performances and classes," Murray explained.

Aside from the tremendous aid that the mine workers have given to the organization of the steel mills, the building of the CIO and Labor's Non-Partisan League, Murray revealed a little publicized pioneering achievement of the union.

"Through years of organization, we have succeeded in a large measure in abolishing the wage differential between Northern and Southern coal mines.

"In West Virginia and Kentucky, we have fought for years to abolish this differential. And we have been successful in getting equal pay for the Negro who formerly was on the same job as his white brother and was getting less. We have also raised wages so that they are much closer to the rates in the North."

Merrill Hails Union Growth In Wire to UMW

UOPW Leader Hails Mine Parley in Greeting, Defies Criticism

"The progress of genuine trade union unity and organization of the unorganized will not be interrupted by carping critics," Lewis Merrill, general president of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, assured John L. Lewis in a telegram of greetings to the conference of the United Mine Workers of America yesterday.

"We know that your convention will give a fresh lead in solving the problems currently before the working people of our country," the message declared.

Merrill credited the "vigorous and courageous leadership of the CIO" for his union's having quadrupled its membership in the past six months.

Text of the telegram follows:

"Please convey to your great convention the fraternal greetings of the United Office and Professional Workers of America.

"In the past six months under the vigorous and courageous leadership of the CIO our membership has more than quadrupled.

"We think of the United Mine Workers of America with the deepest gratitude for the splendid role it has played in the CIO and the American labor movement.

"We are proud to be joined with you in our common undertaking of making the principles of industrial organization the guide of the American working people to genuine industrial democracy. The UMWA and the CIO have brought about the greatest measure of unity in the ranks of labor our movement has ever known.

"The process of genuine unity, organization of the unorganized, will not be interrupted by carping critics. We know that your convention will give a fresh lead in solving the problems currently before the working people of our country."

Southern River Swells, Perils Traffic, Cattle

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 24 (UP).—The Ouachita River flowed out of its banks today as incessant rainfall of the past four days sent the stream eight feet over flood stage between Camden and Dequeen.

Four highways were impassable because of the high water near Dequeen. At least 20 highways were blocked in various sections of the South and Central Arkansas.

Thousands of cattle were endangered by the high water.

Rural mail delivery was halted. Near Fordyce a railway roadbed was washed out on the Fordyce and Princeton line.

Between Little Rock and Pine Bluff part of U. S. Highway No. 65 was under a few inches of water but traffic was being maintained.

Weather Bureau officials announced more rain was expected tonight and tomorrow, and flood crests on rivers, bayous and creeks were not expected before Wednesday.

Bury Wife of Blum

PARIS, Jan. 24 (UP). — Mrs. Therese Blum, wife of Leon Blum, Socialist leader and former premier, was buried today in Pere la Chaise Cemetery. There was a private funeral service. Mme. Blum died Saturday after two abdominal operations.

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CHINA-BOUND LOCOMOTIVES

One of the twenty steam engines which are to be used on Chinese railroads, waiting to be loaded aboard the Norwegian freighter Belmoira at Philadelphia. The shipment, which was paid for by the Chinese government, was one of the largest of its kind to leave the port in many years.

Sons Cut Off Leg of Father Pinned by Tree

Indian Trapped for 14 Days in Far North Saved by Axe Amputation, Rushed 100 Miles to Nearest Hospital for Operation

MOOSONEE, Ont., Jan. 24 (UP).—From Canada's Far North today came the tale of an Indian trapper who for two weeks lay pinned beneath a tree in the bitter cold until his sons cut off his foot with an ax.

The scene was the windswept shore of Ghost River, 200 miles North of here.

The Indian, George Machet, was pinned under a tree while inspecting his trap-lines. When he failed to return after 14 days his sons and squaw set out to search for him. They found him in a semi-conscious condition. One son held his father while the other amputated his foot with an ax, freeing him from the tree. Leaving their mother to care for him, after building a rude wigwam, the sons set out for Albany, Ont., 100 miles away. They arrived there Jan. 7.

Father Paul Jean Lavoie, the Indian's sons and two other Indians immediately set out for the spot where the injured man had been left. Struggling through huge snow drifts, after sending the dog teams back Father Lavoie finally reached Machet. Gangrene had set in. Dragging the Indian on a sled, Father Lavoie finally brought him back to Albany late last week.

Sister L. Marie, one of the Gray Sisters called "Angeles of the North," decided to amputate again. The operation was successful and Machet is now expected to recover.

Carl Ohm Faces Deportation to Nazi Germany

Carl Ohm, 30, whose Jewish wife is a naturalized American citizen, has been ordered to surrender at Ellis Island Tuesday afternoon, February 1, at 2 o'clock, and is scheduled to be deported to Nazi Germany the following day on the SS "President Roosevelt," it was announced here by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Ohm entered the United States legally in 1929. Arrested in 1932 during a demonstration protesting the persecution of Negroes in New York, Ohm was ordered deported on charge of membership in the Young Communist League. In 1936 the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals held that his case be reheard by the Labor Department, which again ordered his deportation.

Roosevelt Lauds Art Exhibition of WPA in Capital

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—President Roosevelt was so impressed by a Federal relief handicraft and art exhibit shown here that he asked the WPA today to exhibit it all over the country.

With Samuel I. Rosenman, New York State Supreme Court justice, and Mrs. Rosenman, White House guests, and David K. Niles, assistant WPA administrator, the President inspected the exhibit yesterday at the Smithsonian Institution.

He expressed particular interest in examples of the revival of the old art of weaving blankets and rugs. Finding several Braille volumes in the library project, he asked Mr. Niles to see if additional books of this kind could not be found for the blind, especially those in rural communities.

70,000 Get Replies On Job Insurance, Many Ineligible

With more than a half million applications for payments already filed in New York, the Department of Placement and Unemployment Insurance mailed out 70,000 answers to applicants as the three weeks waiting period passed since the insurance law became effective Jan. 1.

The answers will continue to flow in the thousands, as the waiting period expires for applicants.

But thousands of the anxiously waiting unemployed will only learn that because they did not earn enough wages during the base year, or because they are ineligible for some other reason, they will not get the $7 to $15 weekly checks.

Meanwhile Mayor LaGuardia and the WPA administration were reported making progress upon a plan of projects for the year upon which $180,000,000 is to be spent. The city is to contribute more than $30,000,000 of that sum for materials and other needs towards the most extensive municipal construction yet attempted under the WPA program. White-collar projects are not extended, it appeared from early reports.

Sirovich Flays Current Attack On Seamen

Tells NMU of Opposition to Copeland Tory Marine Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Congressman William I. Sirovich, of New York, yesterday denounced the current attack of the government and shipowners on the American seamen and added his voice in opposition against proposed semi-fascist legislation now pending.

The Congressman's stand was taken in a letter addressed to Ralph Emerson, legislative representative of the marine unions here, outlining his reasons for opposing proposed amendments to the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 sponsored by Sen. Royal S. Copeland, shippers' mouthpiece.

"I am convinced," the Congressman's letter stated, "that compulsory arbitration or mediation as provided for in the proposed amendments will hinder rather than help collective bargaining. I am frank to say that the unions, in their contracts, are providing a more just and effective machinery for settling disputes.

"Good seamen deserve good treatment. Our seamen must be decently quartered aboard ship. Their wages must be consistent with a decent standard of living. Working conditions must be improved to the point where the sea is an attractive calling. They must be made to coincide with our improved standards for workers in shore industries.

"I believe that collective bargaining is the best machinery yet established for improving the working and living conditions on our ships. The unions, if permitted by the ship owners to continue with their organization activities, will bring these things about."

Alliance Case Switched for Third Time

Court Jammed as Case Against 6 Jobless Comes Up

For the third time since they were arrested April 5, 1937, six active members of the Workers Alliance in Brooklyn charged with "second degree assault" yesterday had their case laid over in Kings County Court, 120 Schermerhorn St., as more than 400 members of the Alliance jammed lobbies.

Protest wires and petitions on Judge Franklin Taylor's desk called for dismissal of the case.

Following an attack upon the members of the Alliance, Judge Taylor suggested that the case be transferred to Magistrate William O'Dwyer, whose calendar is not jammed with jury trials.

The charges of assault grew out of a struggle of 40 Alliance members at the District 17 Welfare Office April 5 when they sought recognition by Miss I. Wicht, welfare office administrator, in accordance with a general policy announced then by the Emergency Relief Bureau.

The committee remained in the waiting room having been informed that a representative of the central office would arrive to settle the controversy. At closing time, instead of the promised representatives police were called in with the result that many of the unemployed were beaten and the six were arrested.

The Workers Alliance charged that police immediately framed charges of assault against the six to protect themselves against charges of beating the workers.

Saul Feldman, a policeman who was questioned by Judge Taylor on what the basis for the assault charge is, said he was kicked and "a quarter of an inch of skin was rubbed off his foot."

Congress to Hear Browder, Foster

Party Congress in New York, February 18-21 to Be Most Intensive in History, Public Rally at Garden to Conclude 3-Day Parley

County and state organizations of the Communist Party throughout the country yesterday began electing delegates to the Party Builders Congress in New York February 18-21, as Lenin Memorial meetings marked the conclusion of a four and a half month recruiting drive.

The congress, which will end with a public session at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 21, will consist of those who were formost in their district's recruiting of members.

With Earl Browder, general secretary, and William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, scheduled as the speakers for the Garden meeting, the New York State Committee of the Party, host to the delegates, announced that a program is being arranged that will be the most educational, entertaining that ever marked any previous national gathering.

Browder and Foster will report on the situation in France where they attended the recent Congress of the French Communist Party.

The regular congress sessions will open in Manhattan Odd Fellows Temple, 111 East 106th St., with a grand banquet on the night of Feb. 18. Representatives of unions and other organizations and two delegates from each New York unit will be invited to the event.

Sandwiched in between three days of discussion, will be sightseeing tours, movie showing and other entertainment being prepared for the hundreds of delegates from all corners of the country.

New York's total of new recruits during the drive neared the 8,000-mark as the drive period concluded and a call for election of delegates was sent to all sections.

Though results for the entire country have not been compiled, it is already evident that the total will be well over 20,000 new recruits.

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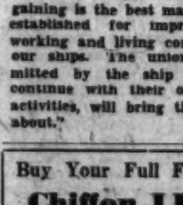

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Browder's Book Did Most Work, Says Ace Pennsylvania Recruiter

(Daily Worker Eastern Penna. Bureau)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Dave Dorkin doesn't know what all the fuss is about.

He recruited 20 men and women in the present membership drive of the Communist Party. He's the ace Party Builder in the Eastern Pennsylvania district. He's a respected and loved Communist member of the United Electrical, Radio and Machinists' Union, but he insists that he did only what he thought he should and can't understand why people think his achievements unusual.

"Earl Browder did most of my recruiting for me," he told me today. "I used his book, 'What Is Communism?' on every possible occasion. Everyone that read that book felt nearer the Party. From that point it was a simple job."

STARTS WITH WIFE

Dorkin started his recruiting on Sept. 25. He had taken his wife to a general membership meeting where I. Amter, New York State Secretary of the Communist Party, spoke. His wife, an old member of the Socialist Party, finally signed a card and is now joining with her husband as a fine Communist team.

"My wife," Dorkin went on, "had been a member of the Socialist Party since 1910. She had been a candidate on the Socialist Party ticket for the school board as far back as 1913. She was always near the Communist Party but had actually developed into the status of a professional sympathizer. I had also been a professional sympathizer until 1934.

"So when I decided to dig in and become an Eastern Pennsylvania Stakhanovite, I began with my wife."

Of the 20 recruits, 19 are members of the United Electrical Radio and Machinists' Union.

Dorkin was vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, District 1, of the A. F. of L., and is now an executive board member of the U. E. R. M. U.

Dorkin doesn't understand why there must be a drive on building the Party. **"Now that I've started to recruit," he said, "and I've learned a lot about how it should be done, I'm not going to stop as long as I live."**

KEEPS RECRUITS

Dave Dorkin told me how he intends to keep up with the members he recruited. He complained about many of our comrades who recruit a person and then forget about them. In his unit the executive body of the unit, the bureau, has decided on the following plan to keep in close contact with all new members.

The unit will be divided into squads of three new members each. These squads will be under the supervision of one older comrade. Wherever possible this person should be the recruiter. This of course is in addition to a unit new members' class, congressional district classes and the classes in the Workers' School. New members will be assigned to one of these classes, depending on their political development.

LONG IN LABOR MOVEMENT

Also, Dorkin plans a system of personal visits so that he can maintain his newly-formed friendship with his union brothers.

"There are so many people in and around the trade union movement that we must reach. Take me as an example. I joined the American Federation of Labor in 1910. I was a member of the Socialist Party for 16 years. I even read that reactionary rag, the 'Forward,' for 16 years, but I was properly approached, recruited and now I'm doing my share to build the People's Front and to fight against fascism."

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Daring Guerrilla War Playing Havoc With Japan's Plans

Chinese Roving Tactics Snarl Tokio Schemes for Push Into Interior, Eighth Route Army Inflicts Heavy Defeats on Foe

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24.—The baffling guerrilla warfare of Chinese troops holding a big stretch of territory on the very outskirts of Shanghai has tangled up the Japanese plans to push further into Central China.

Latest military reports today described how operations of the guerrilla forces constituted by the Chinese armies after the highly mechanized Japanese war machine smashed through to Nanking have clogged the works for Tokio.

Japanese garrisons around Shanghai are frequently attacked by roving units of Chinese partisans relying upon their knowledge of how the land lays to surprise the foe.

Within the past few days, Chenkiahang, about eight miles west of Shanghai, has been repeatedly attacked by Chinese partisans, who struck swiftly, destroyed Japanese war equipment, and then retired as swiftly before the Japanese could bring up reinforcements.

Another pitched battle between Chinese guerrilla fighters and Japanese troops was fought in the region about 12½ miles southwest of Shanghai.

JAPAN PULLS IN TROOPS

As a result the Japanese high command has reluctantly pulled in large numbers of troops, together with medium and heavy artillery, from outlying sectors of the Central Front to fling them into the gap speared in the Japanese rear by the guerrilla warfare.

In Chungching, Chinese temporary capital 1,800 miles up the Yangtze River, reports were received of continued successful counter-attacks by Chinese troops in the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow railroad front.

Chinese rewon the town of Liansiatiang, south of Yengchow, Shantung province, while a Japanese attack on Feixian, southeast of Yengchow, was beaten off by Chinese troops.

From Lincin, Shansi province, comes word that Mongol troops of Prince Teh Wang, which mutinied last week and went over to the Chinese, have been dispatched to the front to fight alongside their Chinese brothers. The two regiments of Mongols have been united into a single Chinese army force.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24.—Japan carried her war against China to the South Coast today, sending fleets of bombing planes to wreck the Canton-Hankow Railroad and attempting to cut off rail communications with the British crown colony of Hong Kong.

For nearly nine hours Japanese airplanes, working in relays, bombed stations along the Canton-Hankow Railway and then cut across and bombed the Canton-Kowloon line connecting Canton with Hong Kong.

The Sa Tang Pao, Chinese Army organ at Hankow, reported that Chinese guerrilla units had made a swift thrust from the Nanyang Lake region and recaptured Sunchihtien, between Yenchow and Tsining in Shantung Province.

Other Chinese units, slogging through heavy rain, smashed their way up mountain heights in the vicinity of Wuhu while the Chinese air force simultaneously raided the Wuhu airfield again, destroying eight Japanese planes.

More than 1,000 Japanese were reported by Chinese sources to have been killed in the Wuhu assault.

The Chinese Eighth Route army, stalking the enemy with guerrilla tactics in the Shansi-Hopei mountains in the north, were reported to have struck knife-like thrusts at Japanese troops along mountain trails, sweeping down from the hills in small bands, piercing the Japanese with big swords and bayonets and killing more than 300.

Big Doings in Drive for New Midwest Record

It was hot going in the Midwest Daily Record financial drive last week.

From Chicago came $1,249.

From Michigan, $350.

From Minnesota, $110.

And Indiana and Wisconsin sent $100 and $33, respectively—Indiana promising to go over the top this week. It needs only $30 more.

But the pace still must be intensified if the new paper is to be established by Feb. 12.

Sen. Barkley Pledges Action On Filibuster

Brophy Blasts Filibuster As Undemocratic in Call for Bill's Passage

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the Advancement of Colored People is putting up for the bill, representatives both of New York and Washington groups were present.

GET PLEDGE OF ACTION

About 30 Negro and white delegates received a promise from Majority Leader Albert Barkley of action to pass the bill.

John P. Davis, one of the leaders of the National Negro Congress who was chairman of the delegation, criticized Minority Leader Charles L. McNary for refusing to declare himself in favor of cloture to shut off debate.

Although McNary said that he was for the bill, he was unwilling to take any definite action, Davis said.

If McNary were actually willing to cooperate, the bill could be passed easily in view of the large measure of support it has received from most Democratic Senators, Davis said.

THANK WAGNER

The delegates also visited Senator Robert F. Wagner to thank him for the fight he has put up in support of the bill.

The delegation was the first of similar groups which are expected to sweep down on Washington this week. Groups are expected to come from Norfolk, Charlottesville and Norfolk, Va., to show that the majority of citizens in the South favor anti-lynching legislation.

Among the delegates who expressed their determination to have the bill passed to the Senate were George H. Rooney, a national representative of the Transport Workers Union; John W. Robinson, of the Harlem Legislation Conference; R. A. Fairley, of the Ministers Alliance of Washington, D. C.; and Jack Zucfer of the United Retail Employes of Washington.

Other delegates included John Anderson, chairman of the CIO Council of Washington; William Edwards, trade union organizer for the American League for Peace and Democracy, and James W. Ford, Negro Communist Party leader.

DEMAND PASSAGE

"The representatives of organizations whose names are attached to this statement desire to register their firm protest against the disgraceful filibuster now being carried on in the Senate of the United States against the anti-lynching bill," their statement read.

"The very fact that a filibuster has been resorted to by the opponents of this legislation proves the desire of the great majority of the representatives of American citizens in the Senate to pass this vital legislation."

The statement urged the responsible leadership of the Senate and every individual Senator "to see that this bill is not killed by a filibuster, that it is not sent back to die in a committee, and that it is passed immediately in its present form."

Swiss Fascists Demand Anti-Semitic Rule

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 24 (UP).—The fascist National Front today demanded a nation-wide plebiscite on the question of providing special regulations for Jews in Switzerland.

It was doubtful whether it would obtain the necessary 50,000 signatures for the petition, which must precede a vote. Even if the Front succeeded, it was expected the plebiscite would reject the program since there is little anti-Semitism in Switzerland. There are about 20,000 Jews in the country.

Jersey Ex-Governor Not Out of Job Long, Is Given $12,000 Appointment

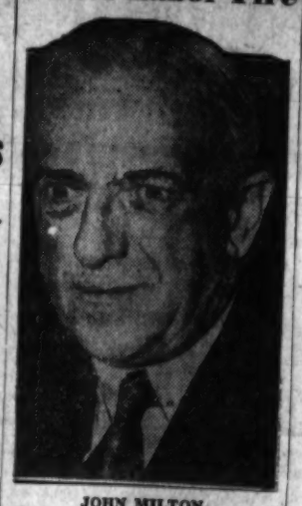
TRENTON, Jan. 24.—Former Gov. Harold G. Hoffman has formally accepted the position as executive director of the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Commission at $12,000 a year and will begin his new duties on Feb. 1. The commission will meet this week to place its stamp of approval on the employment of the former governor.

Litvinoff Leaves for League Session

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 24. — People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs Maxim M. Litvinov left Moscow today for Geneva to represent the Soviet Union at the 100th session of the League of Nations, which convenes Wednesday.

Under Labor Fire



JOHN MILTON

Labor League Files Petition Against Milton

Hague Senatorial Stooge 'Unfit and Corrupt,' Say Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—John Milton, personal money man for Jersey City's reactionary red-baiting Mayor, Frank Hague, was no sooner sworn in as a U. S. Senator today than an attempt to unseat him was begun by Labor's Non-Partisan League.

The League charged in a petition filed with Vice-President John Nance Garner that Milton is unfit for his new post and requested an investigation of "illegal and corrupt" election practices in New Jersey.

Garner referred the charges to the Senate Elections Committee, headed by Senator Walter George. It would require only a majority vote by the Senate, which is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, to unseat Milton.

WILL STUDY CHARGES

George said the committee will study the charges. The fact that Milton was sworn in does not affect the charges, and a great deal of Senatorial interest has been aroused indicating the prospect of controversial debate on the floor within the next few days.

Senator William E. Borah, Senator Robert M. LaFollette and Senator George W. Norris have previously expressed a desire to go over the charges.

The petition, filed for the League by E. L. Oliver, executive vice-president, and Carl Holderman, New Jersey chairman, is based on revelations made in 1929 by the Case Committee investigation of New Jersey legislation.

It charges that Milton and Hague "trampled upon civil and constitutional liberties and practiced all the known devices for violating election laws." It pointed out that the State Assembly has ordered an investigation of the election which returned Moore to the governorship and said it warranted an "investigation by the Senate into the fitness of Milton to hold a Senate seat since his appointment to this office is a result of this election."

PROVE FRAUD VOTES

"Evidence has been presented which established that inmates of insane asylums, non-residents of the district and persons on their death-beds were voted in Hudson County . . ." the petition said. "There are more registered voters in Jersey City than there are adults eligible to vote.

"Ballot stuffing, false counts, illegal registrations, destruction of ballots, disappearance of ballot boxes and poll books, and the use of floaters and repeaters are commonplace in Jersey City and Hudson County elections.

"Milton," the petition says further, "is Mayor Hague's alter ego, personal attorney, business associate, and close adviser." Numerous records of the shady financial deals between the two and the series of newspaper exposes were attached to the petition.

Paul Robeson on Way To Madrid and Teruel

BARCELONA, Jan. 24 (UP).—Paul Robeson, American singer who came to Spain to sing for the Loyalist troops, departed for Madrid late today. He was undecided whether to visit the Teruel battlefront before or after his Madrid visit.

China Crew Strikes Against Japan Cargo

Full Crew Sits Down When They Learn Steel Rails Intended for Japan, Had Been Led to Believe Cargo Was for China

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Chinese crew of the S.S. Federal today staged a sit-down strike and refused to sail the freighter to Osaka, Japan, with a cargo of steel rails.

Through a spokesman the 39 crew members said they had been taken from Hongkong several months ago to New Orleans under the impression they were to sail the Federal from New Orleans via San Francisco to Shanghai with supplies for the Chinese Government.

When the crew learned the ship was destined for Osaka, they refused to sail it and demanded United States Government intervention.

Germans Join Union, Avert Glasgow Strike

GLASGOW, Jan. 24 (UP). — A strike of 800 joiners working on the Glasgow Empire exhibition was averted today when four German workmen joined the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, complying with the union's demands.

The Germans arrived Saturday to assist in the erection of a scenic railway for the exhibition which is to open in May. The union refused to recognize their Nazi "Labor Front" cards.

Judge Rules Council Post To Cashmore

Laborites Map Strategy To Unseat Tammany Man at Today's Session

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Hall Law Commitee, who watched the proceedings from a vantage point in the courtroom.

Justice McGeehan's final ruling quoted Section 29 of the City Charter, which says "a majority of the Councilmen shall constitute a quorum." He ruled that this quorum could legally elect a vice-chairman.

President Morris, basing himself on Section 34 of the Charter, which holds that "no local law or resolution shall be passed except by at least the majority affirmative vote of all the Councilmen," ruled that 13 votes were insufficient to elect, as not being a majority of all 26 Councilmen but merely a majority of the 25 present.

The court decision, however, does not restrain the Council from voting in its session this afternoon to vacate the vice-chairmanship and hold new elections.

In this case the anti-Tammanyites would, if the Tammany-controlled bloc cast its 13 votes for Cashmore, poll a majority vote for their candidate, James A. Burke, Queens Independent Democrat, and elect him. The line-up would stand 13-13 and Newbold Morris, who votes in ties, would swing the election by his one anti-Tammany vote.

The Tammany bloc, of course, can continue their work of sabotaging and deadlocking the Council by withholding one or more votes and avoiding the 13-13 tie.

STUDY DECISION

Morris was studying the McGeehan ruling last night with his labor, Fusion, Republican and Independent Democratic colleagues. He would not say whether or not the anti-Tammanyites would take the matter before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

"That is exactly what I expected," Morris said when advised of the court decision. "We are accepting the ruling and are leaving the appeal question open. We will recognize the ruling and get down to the work of organizing the Council."

Mayor LaGuardia had no comment to make on the judge's decision.

Councilman Burke said: "After the ruling is studied there will be time enough to arrive at a decision as to whether an appeal will be taken."

Joseph E. Kinsley, Bronx Democratic Councilman, a leader of the fight against the Labor-Fusion bloc, shouted gleefully when he learned about the decision in City Hall.

"We won," he shouted. "I am very much gratified by the decision."

But Labor and Fusion forces, while not revealing their floor strategy for today's Council meeting, indicated they will see to it that the Tammany "victory" is a short-lived one.

Law Upheld In Council, Morris Claims

Lauds Labor-Led Bloc, Defends P. R. in Radio Talk

Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, last night insisted he had upheld the law in ruling that John Cashmore, Brooklyn Democrat, was not legally elected vice-chairman of the body.

Speaking over radio station WMCA shortly after Justice John E. McGeehan had ruled in Supreme Court that Cashmore was legally elected, Morris quoted Section 34 of the City Charter on which his ruling was based.

"The President ruled that 13 votes were insufficient to elect," he said, "as not being a majority of all the councilmen but only a majority of those present."

He said he would not venture to speculate on the effects of the decision of the Court, but added he had not lost faith in the proportional representation method of selecting councilmen, or the capacity of the first Council.

NEW LIFE IN CITY HALL

"A recently-formed coalition majority group has brought new life to City Hall," Morris declared. "Mr. Vladeck, the floor leader, has brought a new note of activity to the east wing of the old building. Taking possession of the fine chamber, formerly a lounging room where members of the old Board of Aldermen entertained their friends, he has replaced the giant 19th century brass cuspidors with desks and filing cabinets. Research work has already commenced and a comprehensive, progressive program is in the making."

He predicted that "fine representative government" would prevail in New York City in the future.

"In the world today, it is exposed to many threats," Morris said. "In New York we can demonstrate how it can work."

He praised P. R. as a method to bring representative government to the municipality.

"In 1939," he said, "the elections will be centered on the choice of members of the Council. No other candidates will be voted on. Therefore there will be less haste in voting, more deliberation on the part of the voters, a greater understanding of the problem. Voting machines will remove public impatience with the long weeks of counting ballots. Membership of the Council will probably be increased to 28 or more."

For the next two years, Morris added, there is plenty of room for optimism and cited the "abundant experience, imagination and zeal for accomplishment" of progressive members of the Council as a justification for his outlook.

AFL Council Opens Two-Week Session At Miami Hotel

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 24.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor which opened its two-week meeting here today will take up tomorrow the appeal of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor against the order of President William Green that it expell the CIO affiliates which are a majority of its unions.

President John Phillips of the Pennsylvania Federation is here to express the practically unanimous vote of the recent convention delegates of the state body refusing to split its ranks.

Attention centered on the executive council sessions and speculation was rife here on the next steps it will take in its war against the CIO. One report had it that as a starter the council would expel the United Mine Workers and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to see if that would help to develop a rift in the ranks of the CIO unions.

State Probes Insurance Firm's Anti-Labor Policy

The New York State Department of Insurance has ordered an investigation of charges that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is misusing policyholders' funds for anti-union activities, according to an announcement made public yesterday by the Policyholders' Committee.

The committee was formed to bring about a fair labor policy and bring about more democratic control of the insurance companies, Israel Convisser, provisional secretary, said.

Jack R. Rubin, member of the committee, filed the petition with Louis H. Pink, superintendent of the State Insurance Department, which resulted in the order for the investigation.

NOT ARCTIC—JUST HUDSON

Carrying a lifeline, two members of the crew of the Coast Guard cutter Comanche, leave their vessel to test the thickness of the ice off West Point, New York, as the ship prepares to break up the jam and open the Hudson River to navigation.

Lewis Predicts Labor Will Beat Recession In Message to UMW

CIO Will Tighten Its Ranks, Says Leader in Fighting Speech to UMW Delegates on Eve of Historic Convention

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keeping in mind the larger CIO demand of the right to work," and of securing large participation of labor "in the councils of the nation."

Above all, he hammered home the need for organization, for organizing powerful, closely-knit unions which will guarantee the rights of labor.

These are all problems which, it is believed, the U.M.W. convention will discuss in greater detail.

BROAD LABOR PROBLEMS

In addition to the routine organizational problems of this great union which is the very background of the CIO, delegates are expected to take up a wide range of broad problems facing the labor movement.

Political action, further activities of the CIO, civil liberties for labor, the relief and unemployment problems—these are some of the matters which the delegates will probably wrestle with.

There will also be discussion of the demands which the miners will present to the operators when negotiations for a new contract open.

Lewis congratulated the officers and members of District 50, including President James Nelson, for their rapid progress in attaining a membership of more than 15,000 in 108 local unions in the short period of less than a year and a half.

As he came into the meeting hall in the Burlington Hotel where District 50 is holding the three-day convention, delegates rose to their feet and gave the CIO leader a prolonged ovation.

They rose to their feet a second time and applauded when he was introduced by President Wilson.

He referred to the organized workers in the gas, coke and chemical industries as "a great auxiliary" of the U.M.W.

Organization of the mass production industries was considered impossible only a few years ago, Lewis said.

HINDENBURG LINE BROKEN

"But these Hindenburg lines of continuous, unrelenting opposition have been broken," he continued.

Again and again Lewis emphasized that "labor in this country must organize if it is to protect its own rights."

"Only through organization," he said, "is it possible to bring the ills of labor to the attention of the country, to bring these evils to the attention of the law-makers of the country.

"Now there is confusion because another depression has hit America. We are not surprised by this occurrence because we knew that another depression was forthcoming, and it was only a question of time.

"We were in haste to organize the mass production industries before the pendulum swung backward."

Discussing the need for action on the relief and unemployed problem, Lewis said "that only the voice of labor has been raised demanding action" to stop "the recent downward spiral of business."

"It is quite true," he said, "that with industry shutting down, with thousands of factories idle, that organization becomes more difficult because management use more intimidation.

"Still the work of organization goes on," he declared loudly.

"I predict," he said, "that when once more the pendulum turns, the experience of workers in this new depression will cause them to enroll in untold thousands in these great modern unions with which you are associated."

DuPont Blasts Common, Townfolk Say; Cite Perils

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nine blasts when the acetylene gas used in the manufacture of synthetic rubber exploded.

The authorities, who are reluctant to say anything even after an all-day "investigation," stick to the same story that the explosion could not be helped, that it was caused by a leak in a pipe. When acetylene gas is exposed to the air it explodes.

"DON'T KNOW CAUSE"

Dr. William Kirk, assistant manager of the Neoprene plant, stated in his only remark to the press yesterday, "We may not know the cause for days, possibly weeks."

I spoke to L. S. Munson, manager of the Dye Works, located on the same grounds as the Neoprene plant. He greeted me with, "I'll bet you're like all the other guys who think the du Ponts are crooks."

Both Munson and W. T. Drennan, the assistant manager, were shocked to learn that I had gone to the home of Charles Forshay, one of the men killed in the first of the nine blasts.

"That's a fine place to go for the truth," Drennan said. "To the home of a poor widow. What do you think she will tell you?"

Well, she wasn't in and couldn't tell me anything. She wasn't around doing her usual chores, preparing dinner. The 27-year-old widow was in Salem, N. J., where the body of her 28-year-old husband was being prepared for burial.

COMPENSATION

But I saw their well-ordered home, everything just as it was when Charles Forshay left 96 French St., in Central Park, N. J., to do his shift.

Munson assured me quite hysterically that the widow would get the proper workmen compensation, as provided for by law. He didn't know the amount. He said, "That will be determined by what kind of funeral they give the boy."

I found the home of Earl Hale, just a few blocks from Forshay's. Here Mrs. Hale didn't want to talk to anyone. She was prostrated with grief. Neighbors told me she was 22.

BODY MISSING

No one knows what has happened to Earl Hale. His body has not been found. And the snobbish publicity department of this slick du Pont outfit can give no hint as to what happened to Earl.

"I'll tell you what I think of this whole rotten mess," said a worker who literally pleaded with me not to use his name. "For all the talk of the du Ponts about their system of prevention and efficiency.

"I can remember many explosions. The one in 1935 and in June, 1933 and many others that never get in the papers. In most cases it's lack of proper protection."

He went on: "I'm not a chemical engineer but I heard the men who work in the Neoprene plant talking many times.

"What would have saved these men was an air-cooling machine that would have reduced the igniting possibilities of the gas a great deal."

MUCH TO STATEMENT

A leading engineer who would not give his name said there was much to that statement. The engineer refused to make a further statement until he had made a thorough investigation.

Munson pooh-poohed my question on the air-cooling system.

"What was the reason for the explosion, then?" I asked.

"I couldn't tell you," he said, "because I don't know."

And the girl at the reception desk, all cordiality, remarking that her windows weren't shattered by the explosion and that the papers were making too much of a fuss over the whole business.

Negro Group Charges Bias By Police in Queens Riot

Negroes Charged with Murder as Whites Are Released

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ing the early hours of Monday morning when two house parties, one Negro and the other white, broke up simultaneously in the neighborhood.

Scattered evidence from eye-witnesses of the bloody fight had it that the struggle took place when an argument arose over the removal of parked cars of the two groups. Negro residents in the area, awakened by the fighting, said that the whites became abusive and that the fight ensued.

EIGHT HURT

Eight of the forty men and women involved were injured by knives and other weapons. They were James Manly, 35, Negro longshoreman, Riley Tennyson, 21, Negro chauffeur, Samuel Murray, 41, Negro tailor, George Miller, 38, white, Theodore Dausch, 29, white, William Miller, 32, Eugene Woods, 27, and Robert Thomas, who died five hours later at the Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Those held on homicide and felonious assault charges in addition to the injured Tennyson, Manley and Murray, were Clarence Hedon, 35, Negro waiter, Thomas Tucker, 31, Negro chauffeur, and Rudolph Raspberry, 29, Negro chauffeur.

Dr. Singleton, who immediately began a probe into the incident, said that the N.A.A.C.P. had assigned William T. Garvin, attorney for the organization to the case.

TYPICAL OF TREATMENT

Attorney Garvin began his investigation last night but could not be reached for comment.

The Negro local N.A.A.C.P. leader asserted, during an interview with the Daily Worker, that the holding of the seven Negro men on serious charges, while entering a charge of disorderly conduct against the white participants was typical of police treatment of Negroes in the Jamaica area.

"We intend to fight any injustice in this case to the finish," he declared.

The Negro defendants were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Anthony P. Savarese in Ridgewood, Queens. All were held without bail on the homicide charge, $1,000 bail each on the felonious assault charge, and $500 bail each on the charge of disorderly conduct for hearing Thursday.

USSR Protests To Esthonia On Slayings

Ask Reparations for Killing of Guards on Frontier

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 24.—The Soviet Minister to Esthonia has officially protested to the Esthonian government against the slaying of two Soviet frontier guards on Soviet territory by an Esthonian border patrol, it was announced here today.

The protest note, on the instructions of the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, demands that the guilty be punished in accordance with the gravity of the crime, and that the Esthonian government grant suitable reparation to the families of the slain men.

The two Soviet guards, named Prokhorchuk and Lasnik, while on patrol near Chud Lake, spied a group of frontier violators who had crossed from Esthonia on sleighs about 825 yards into Soviet territory.

As the two Soviet border guards chased the intruders back towards Esthonia, they were suddenly fired upon by an Esthonian border patrol unit of four men from a distance of only 100 yards.

Both guards fell in the first volleys.

Jews Stricken Off Roumania Election Lists

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 24 (UP). — The Government tonight struck the names of all Jews and non-Rumanian citizens off the electoral lists "pending investigation of their citizenship rights."

Since the investigation probably will not be completed before the general elections next month, the decree in effect will bar these minorities from voting.

Chiang Kai-shek Pays Tribute to Dead General

HANKOW, Jan. 24 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today attended services for the late Gen. Liu Hsiang, chairman of Szechuan Province, who died on Jan. 20. The body will be sent to Szechuan Wednesday after formal funeral services tomorrow.

Roosevelt Confers On Nicaragua Canal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt and Rep. Ed V. Izac, D., Calif., conferred at the White House today on Izac's proposal for a canal through Nicaragua, a project which naval and military officials say would be of vast strategic importance in case of war in the Pacific.

Urge All Communist Party Members To Complete 1938 Registration

(By New York State Committee, Communist Party)

The current annual registration of the Communist Party membership in New York State has not been progressing satisfactorily. During the three-week period between Jan. 4 and Jan. 22 only 71 per cent of the membership, as of Dec. 31, 1937, was registered. This leaves a great number of comrades outside of the Party.

The immediate task of every member of our state organization is to take the necessary steps to bring these comrades into good standing and see that they register at once. It is the personal responsibility of every recruiter to visit his recruits who have failed to register, and get them down to tonight's unit or branch meeting.

All comrades who have moved or who have otherwise become disconnected from their sections should call tonight at the nearest headquarters of the Party and register there. This registration must not be dragged out too long. Forward to a 100 per cent registration by the end of January!

Below are the addresses of Section and A. D. headquarters, where all those who have not been registered at yet may pay up their dues and acquire good standing. Comrades are urged to register in their branches and units. However, those who cannot do so, should go to the address nearest their home and register there.

MANHATTAN

101 Canal St.
101 West 28th St.
220 Seventh Ave.
131 West 97th St.
417 East 85th St.
189 Second Ave.
141 East 29th St.
167 East Broadway
44 Avenue C.
400 West 43th St.

HARLEM

413 Lenox Ave.
1466 Madison Ave.
2170 Third Ave.
423 W. 145th St.

BROOKLYN

434 Albee Square
3309 Coney Island Ave.
98 Fourth Ave.
28 Graham Ave.
5302 Fourth Ave.
1313 50th St.
1722-A Fulton St.
307 Grand St.
2168 86th St.
1140 Eastern Parkway
846 Sutter Ave.
1712 Pitkin Ave.

QUEENS

41-12 29th St., L. I. C.
99-16 43d Av., Corona, L.I.

BRONX

308 E. 149th St.
788 Westchester Ave.
3477 Third Ave.
1461 Hoe Ave.
3561 White Plains Rd.
792 E. Tremont Ave.
1093 Jerome Ave.

WESTCHESTER

Yonkers
45 Warburton Ave.

STATEN ISLAND

70 State St., W. Brighton

McKeesport Parley Condemns Stolberg 'Poisonous Articles'

Labor Political Conference Representing 66,000 Assails Scripps-Howard Chain for Publishing Anti-Labor Series

(Special to the Daily Worker)

McKEESPORT, Pa., Jan. 24.—The red-baiting, poison pen articles of Benjamin Stolberg were unanimously condemned by representatives of more than 66,000 persons here Sunday.

Delegates from labor, progressive and fraternal organizations to the "31st Congressional District Labor, Progressive Political Conference" also took a whack at the "liberal" Scripps-Howard chain for publishing the series.

Citing the articles, appearing locally in the Pittsburgh Press, the resolution declared that "they are an obvious incitement to red-baiting and play directly into the hands of the union-busting, reactionary Big Business interests."

PROPOSED BY SEVEN

Recommended for adoption by the Resolutions Committee, the measure was proposed by two presidents of local steel lodges and five members of the ladies auxiliary of the Glassport, Pa., Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

When the resolution was presented, the floor was thrown open to discusgion. Two delegates arose to assail Stolberg and the "liberal" press. They were roundly applauded.

"The first order of the vigilantes to their stool pigeons in the unions is, 'If anything's progressive, label it Red,'" one delegate said.

The second delegate supported the resolution and urged an amendment to petition the Press to resume publication of Heywood Broun's column, which it eliminated some months ago.

NO OPPOSITION

There was no speaker to oppose the motion among 300 present. At the meeting were eight successful labor candidates in the last elections, an S.W.O.C. sub-regional director, and delegates from church groups.

Those who originally proposed the resolution were K. P. Jones, president of Local 1806, S.W.O.C.; Frank Roberts, president Local 1407, S.W.O.C.; Marie Soheck, Rose Smith, Mary H. Wible, Josephine Zebak and Alice Doratio, all from the Glassport S.W.O.C. ladies auxiliary.

Text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas, the Pittsburgh Press, which has pretended to be a liberal paper and a friend of labor, has of late been publishing editorials and articles hostile to labor, and

"ANTI-LABOR"

"Whereas, the latest series of articles appearing by Mr. Stolberg in the Press are anti-labor and are an obvious incitement to red-baiting and play directly into the hands of the union-busting reactionary Big Business interests,

"Be it resolved, That this conference condemns the Press for publishing poisonous, anti-labor propaganda in its paper and wires a vigorous protest to Mr. Stolberg.

"Amended to include asking the Press to resume publication of Heywood Broun's column."

Youth Parley To Attract 1,000 Youth

Mrs. Roosevelt to Speak at Model Youth Conference

Coinciding with the legislative sessions in Albany, more than 1,000 youth representatives will meet in a three-day Model New York State Legislature starting Friday, Jan. 28, at the City College Auditorium to discuss the recession as it affects them and their youthful "constituents" in the State.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will address the youth delegates at the opening session, and speaking on the same platform will be Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, and Aubrey Williams, Executive Director of the National Youth Administration. Greetings to the Assembly, meeting under the auspices of the City Council of the American Youth Congress, will be read from Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Following the "gubernatorial" message to be read by William W. Hinckley, Chairman of the Congress, the delegates will reassemble the next morning in committees dealing with such topics as education, public health, peace, crime, housing and labor.

Polish Union Asks Taxes Put On the Rich

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

WARSAW, Jan. 24. — The First All-Polish Congress of the Union of State, Municipal and Private Employes today called for drastic measures to shift the burden of economic hardship from the poor to the wealthy.

A rapid price rise has boosted the cost of living of the general populace 20 per cent during recent months.

A resolution adopted by the congress demands that the state annul the "extraordinary" tax of employes' salaries, that the main branches of industry be taken over by the state, that a land reform be instituted with emphasis on farm cooperatives, all under the slogan of "economic democracy."

The resolution categorically protests against any attempt of the Polish government to foist fascist control upon the trade union movement.

I.L.D. Pushes Bills in State Legislature

Repeal of Criminal Anarchy Measure Is Introduced

The International Labor Defense Legislative Bureau of New York State, whose representative is William M. Cubert, has been instrumental in introducing a bill to repeal the Criminal Anarchy Statute.

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Isidore Dollinger of the Bronx. Other bills introduced in this session prepared by the International Labor Defense and its Legal staff are as follows:

A bill to set up a labor court in the Counties of Kings, New York and Bronx.

A bill to amend the Disorderly Conduct Statute to provide for the following:

1—Jury Trials for defendants in disorderly conduct cases in labor disputes.

2—There must be an actual breach of the peace.

3—Pickets shall not be convicted on the uncorroborated evidence of the owner or his agents or the police officer in making the arrest.

4—The complaint must specify the specific subdivision of the disorderly conduct statute.

Both of these bills were introduced by Assemblyman S. Jarema of New York.

The other bill is to amend the Civil Rights Law to include civil service appointments, no discrimination in the renting of apartments, no discrimination in retail establishments and airplane travel. This bill was introduced by Assemblyman Meyer Goldberg of New York.

Clubs, Theatre Network Growing in Soviet Kuban

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 24.—The spreading network of clubs, movie theaters and cultural institutions that is blanketing the collective-farm districts of the Krasnodar region in the Kuban is wiping out the contrast between city and village.

At present in the collective farms of the Krasnodar region, there are 1,638 clubs and 486 movie theatres.

AUTO UNIONISTS JAILED

Police of Dearborn, Mich., used rented buses, as well as patrol cars, to transport 253 members of the United Automobile Workers to jail, who attempted to distribute union reading matter at the gates of the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant.

Rap Proposal to Lower Building Trades Wages

Labor Research Association Points Out That Guaranteed Annual Pay Is Worthless Because of Seasonal Nature of Work

(By Labor Research Association)

Proposals to lower building trade wages by 20 to 30 per cent in return for a "guaranteed" annual wage are criticized by Labor Research Association in the latest issue of its monthly Labor Notes for January.

The Association points out that "to anyone familiar with the complete anarchy and disorganization of the construction industry," it is obvious that a "guarantee" of an annual wage on the basis of 40 weeks a year is worthless.

In answer to the popular notion, spread by employer propaganda, that "labor costs in the industry are too high," **Labor Notes** gives the facts. On the basis of figures from the last federal Census of Construction, it lists the distribution of costs in the contruction industry as follows:

	Per Cent
Materials	42
Labor	35
Overhead and profits	25
Total	100

In residential building, other estimates place labor costs at only 25 to 30 per cent of the total. This is no higher than in a number of manufacturing industries.

Alleged "high wages" in the industry, the Association points out, range only from $1,200 to $1,600 a year. This is due to the highly seasonal nature of the industry, in which those lucky enough to have jobs average only 30 weeks work or less a year.

Real reason for the low volume of construction, as noted by a special writer in **Wall Street Journal** recently, is the "recession in general business and the economic uncertainty, particularly on the part of the wage or salary earner who fears discontinuance of his job, which is preventing purchase of homes or erection of shelter for rents."

Furthermore, prices charged by leading building materials suppliers, most of them in a monopoly position, have been raised sharply. In some cases they increased 100 per cent over 1929, according to Assistant Attorney General Robert N. Jackson. **Labor Notes** points out that if wage cuts are accepted in the building trades, it would be the entering wedge for widespread wage slashes in other industries.

TODAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Pea-Soup Fog Slows N. England Traffic

BOSTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—A pea-soup fog, so dense that visibility in some sections was limited to 20 feet, slowed transportation throughout New England today.

The fog began to lift by mid-morning and the weather bureau predicted it would be clear by night.

At Newton Highlands, a skidding Boston-to-Worcester bus crashed into two parked cars on fog-bound Worcester Turnpike, injuring four occupants. Thirty bus passengers were shaken severely.

Iron Worker Killed On College Job

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Jan. 24 (UP).—Robert Hayes, 28, an iron worker of 240 E. 194th St., Bronx, was injured fatally while doing construction work at the College of New Rochelle Library. He died shortly after his removal to New Rochelle Hospital.

Senate Committee Approves Reed to Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Senate Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved the nomination of Solicitor General Stanley Reed to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

The action was taken after a brief closed meeting at which no objections were made to the nomination of Reed to succeed retired associate justice George Sutherland.

Sen. M. M. Logan, D., Ky., was instructed to report Reed's nomination to the Senate, which is expected to confirm him without delay.

At the same time sources close to the White House indicated that Robert H. Jackson, assistant attorney general in charge of anti-trust activity, is expected to be recommended shortly to succeed Reed as solicitor-general.

Car Plunges Into Ice, Five Drown

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Jan. 24 (UP).—An automobile plunged into a hole in the ice covering Chamcook Lake last night, drowning five of its six occupants.

Joseph Gibson managed to push himself out of the car and climb out on the ice. His drowned companions were William Craig, 60; Albert Storm, 70; Louis Hivon, 55; Ralph Howe, 40, and Carter McCurdy, 24.

The hole was made in the lake ice by crews cutting natural ice for storage.

Kirghiz Publish Hamlet and Other Leading Plays

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 24.—The passion and philosophy of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" can now fire the hearts and minds of Kirghiz peasants, workers and herders, who 20 years ago could not read or write.

"Hamlet" has just been published here in Kirghiz translation by the Kirghiz State Art and Literature Publishing House.

Other classics of Western European and Russian literature are to be published soon. Pushkin's "Eugene Onegin," Lermontev's "Hero of Our Time," and several stories by Gorky will appear during February and March.

Ex-Friend Says Beal Sold Out To Hearst When He Found He Had to Work to Live in USSR

Hendricks Condemns Betrayer Who Refused to Go to School or Work—Says Beal Only Drank and 'Organized' Gay Parties

By Carl Thompson

(Special to the Daily Worker)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 24.—Fred Erwin Beal, now held in Lawrence, Mass., on an old North Carolina charge, betrayed the working class when he found he couldn't live off the backs of Soviet Union workers.

He came back to the United States to sell himself to Hearst with articles and books aimed at spreading false propaganda against the Soviet Union and the Communist Party.

That's what Kelly Y. (Red) Hendricks, gaunt, red-haired mill worker who was convicted with Beal and six others, said here tonight. "Red" was formerly a close friend of Beal's until he "sold himself" to make a dollar."

SERVED TIME

"Red" is the only one of the seven Gastonia, N. C., union organizers who has served time on a trumped-up charge of conspiracy in connection with the slaying of Gastonia's Chief Aderholt in 1929. The conviction of Hendricks and Beal and five others was almost concurrent with the whitewashing of self-appointed North Carolina officials for the brutal murder of Ella Mae Wiggins in the Gastonia strike of 1929.

Hendricks was caught in New York in 1932 when he returned from the Soviet Union with the intention of getting his wife and child and returning to the U. S. S. R. to continue his work.

Hendricks, Beal and the other five fled to Russia in 1930 to escape their prison sentences. Hendricks said here tonight that their flight from America was against the advice of Communist Party leaders in this country.

REFUSED TO WORK

"Trouble with Beal was he didn't want to do anything," Hendricks said. "When we got to Russia, we were given the best opportunities to make a living. They gave us 50 rubles a month and our clothes and sent us to school to fit ourselves for the kind of work we wanted to do.

"I went to school and learned the language and got to speak Russian well. But Fred Beal wouldn't go to school. All he wanted to do was drink and go to parties with Americans and have a good time. We never could get him to go to school. All the time he was in Russia, he didn't do a thing," Hendricks revealed.

The 34-year-old man, aged beyond his years, for five years "in a mall box at prison for a crime which I didn't commit," said that Beal, who is now being defended by Trotskyite groups in Massachusetts, visited him at Central Prison in 1935 with a Phil Mason and tried to get him to help write articles denouncing the Soviet Union.

HEARST LINK

"Red" said he advised Fred against it and wouldn't help in the enterprise.

"I knew Mason was connected with some Hearst outfit," Hendricks said. "Fred knew him in Russia and used to run around with him there."

Although handicapped by poor health, Hendricks is still an ardent defender of the party and said he hoped some day to "go back to the Soviet Union or else bring it here."

"In my opinion, Fred Beal is just an opportunist. Anywhere to make a dollar, he'd sell himself," Hendricks declared disgustedly. "He found he couldn't live off the backs of the Soviet workers, so he came back here and sold himself to Hearst."

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

100 Men Wanted

For mob scenes in "One-Sixth of the Earth" to be present at the Lenin Memorial Meeting, Feb. 14th, Convention Hall. Report to New Theatre of Philadelphia, 311 N. 16th St.

Auto Union Bares Ford Conspiracy

Martin Asks Cummings For Investigation by Government

(Daily Worker-Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Jan. 24.—Charging that it has sufficient evidence of conspiracy by the Ford Motor Co. to violate the laws and Constitution of the United States to warrant criminal proceedings, the United Auto Workers Union has asked Homer Cummings, U. S. Attorney General, to launch an immediate investigation.

In a letter to the Attorney General, President Homer Martin wrote:

"There has been brought to my attention evidence of what indicates to be a definite conspiracy on the part of the Ford Motor Company and others, to violate the laws of the United States and the Constitution of the United States. The proof presented to me is of such a convincing character that I am sure that you will find a basis for criminal proceedings.

"I therefore urge upon you to institute, as soon as possible a thorough-going inquiry into this matter. I have instructed our general counsel to furnish you with all the proofs available, to assist you in making a very complete investigation.

"As a result of this unlawful conspiracy, grave situations are developing and there may be graver consequences. I do not exaggerate when I suggest that this matter should receive your immediate attention and action."

$50,000 SUIT FILED AGAINST FORD

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Jan. 24.—A suit for $50,000 against the Ford Motor Company has been filed in Federal court here by the United Auto Workers Union in behalf of Raymond Jewell. The suit charges "illegal assault, search and imprisonment without any cause or provocation."

Jewell is one of the two UAW members who were attacked by Ford Service men when they distributed union application cards to Ford workers in front of the River Rouge plant last Monday. Davis was so badly beaten that he required hospital treatment.

The suit also charges that the Ford Company has in its employ "in the Service Department and elsewhere persons of questionable character and prison records, commonly known as thugs and hooligans, who have been authorized to assault with force and violence persons who have incurred the disfavor of the defendant (Ford) and some of its employes."

Blasts Kill Army Head

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Jan. 24 (UP).—A general and a colonel of the Finnish Army and several other military leaders were killed today in a terrific explosion in the Army laboratory on an island off Brunnsparken, Helsingfors.

Gasoline War Threatens Gas-Less Holiday

Retail Dealers Demand City Take Action to Stop Price-War

A "gas-less holiday" for the entire city of New York will be declared by the organized retail gasoline dealers if immediate action is not taken by the City Council or the State Legislature to stop the price-wars now raging throughout the city, representatives of the Petroleum Dealers Chamber of Commerce of New York, Inc., announced yesterday.

Charles J. Bensky, counsel for the association, and Aaron J. Plavnick, public relations man for the dealers, made their announcement of the proposed stoppage of gasoline sales at City Hall yesterday morning. Mr. Bensky said that the "shocking conditions" both for employers and employes in gasoline stations are a direct result of the present gasoline war.

"During these wars," he said, "gasoline is being sold at absolute cost and many dealers are working in their stations 16 hours a day with no returns for their efforts. While the employe is entitled to a living wage, and the employer is willing to give him that willing wage, gasoline wars make this impossible."

TIME FOR CITY ACTION

Bensky said that in his opinion it is high time that the city municipal government lent a hand to an industry which pays in taxes approximately 40 per cent of every dollar collected through the tills of the gasoline retailer.

"If something is not done at once," he said, "the city and state will lose a majority of their most efficient tax collectors."

The Petroleum Dealers Chamber of Commerce announced that it has issued ten thousand petitions addressed to the city council and state legislature asking for relief. The organized gasoline retailers will petition the city council or the state legislature to enact a fair-trades act, similar to those enacted in the states of Michigan and California. The purpose of the legislation, according to spokesmen of the organization, will be to eliminate the selling of gasoline at or below cost and to stop the granting of premiums and chiseling by certain subsidized groups of retailers and their allies, the major oil companies.

MASS MEETINGS PLANNED

Mr. Bensky said that the retailers' organization is planning a series of meetings throughout the city for the distribution of the petition and to set a date for the gasless holiday and a mass march of dealers to City Hall.

Bensky and Plavnick said that they had brought the matter of the gasoline war to the attention of the Labor Party bloc of the City Council. Both of the men conferred for a short time yesterday morning with Benjamin Fielding, head of the A.L.P. Research Bureau, in the office of B. Charney Vladeck, Council Majority leader.

Jewish Party Meeting

An important meeting of all Jewish Communist Party members has been called for Thursday evening, 8 P.M., Jan. 27, at the Irving Plaza.

Communist Leader Blasts Aim of Reactionaries In Denying Local Suffrage in Washington, D. C.

By Martin Chancey

City Secretary of the Communist Party, Washington, D. C.

Millions of children throughout the nation as well as those in the District of Columbia are being taught daily that Americans live under a form of government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed: that ours is a government of the people, by the people and for the people, that taxation without representation is tyranny. Yet 600,000 citizens in the seat of this government are deprived of any voice in their local or national government. They have been made to obey laws in the drafting of which they had no voice; they are being governed and judged by men in the selection of whom they were not even consulted; they are subjected to taxation but denied the right to vote upon these taxes. Our laws are enacted by Congressmen who were elected by and are responsible to citizens from every state in the union except the District of Columbia. These men are burdened with a multitude of problems from their own constituencies. They know little and are concerned even less with the various vital problems facing us here in the District. We are ruled by three appointed Commissioners in the appointment of whom we are no more consulted than were our forefathers in the selection of their governors by the king of England.

BILL OF RIGHTS CITED

Is it unconstitutional or unlawful for the citizens of the District of Columbia to participate in their own local government? Not so at all. From the Bill of Rights on page 441 of the Code of Laws of the D. C. we read:

"That the right of the people to participate in the legislature is the best security of liberty, and the foundation of all free government; for this purpose elections ought to be free and frequent and every man having property in, a common interest with, and an attachment to the community, ought to have a right of suffrage."

When the D. of C. was organized Congress passed an act providing for an elected local legislature and in 1820 provided for an elected mayor.

This system of local self-government was in force until 1874 when it was done away with by Congress.

The denial of suffrage is of greatest concern to the people of Washington not only because it is repugnant to our basic principles of democratic government but also because it has intimately affected our living conditions and general welfare. The fact is that for the past 65 years—while the voice of labor and small business in the affairs of our city, has been stilled—big business and corporate interest have played an active and dominant role. These groups have hired high powered lawyers to lobby for them on Capitol Hill and pull strings for them in Congress. This is how they have been instrumental in getting laws passed in Congress against the interest of our people and of great profit to themselves, this is how they have gotten men appointed to office to serve their interests rather than those of the public.

Just to give you a few examples of how this works out in practice. The Public Utilities Commission, which was set up to protect the public interests, has helped the Capital Transit Company to put over two carfare increases during the past few months. In both cases it was sprung upon the public very skillfully as an accomplished fact before the public had a chance to protest or fight against this grab.

RELIEF CRISIS IN CITY

Up until now only the unemployables, that is those too sick to work, were granted relief, and even hundreds of these were daily turned away. Hundreds of healthy citizens are first compelled to starve and grow sick before they become eligible for relief. But in the relief budget for the coming year Big Business is trying to eliminate practically all relief. With the number of registered unemployed reaching the high mark of 37,000 and in the face of mass lay-offs as a result of the present business recession, the proposed budget would cut relief appropriations from $3,200,000 to only $900,000 and would lay-off two thirds of all relief investigators. According to the reports of Mrs. Hill, head of the city's relief system, hundreds of applicants are turned away daily, men and women are faced with the alternative of starving, stealing or suicide. The responsibility for the increase in crime must be placed squarely upon the shoulders of those responsible for the present relief situation. They are the greatest criminals of all!

POWERFUL TRADE UNIONS

We have a powerful organized trade union movement with some 120,000 men and women, organized into the A. F. of L. and the CIO, the majority of whom are employed in the government, building trades and service industries. Labor in Washington is on the march for better working and living conditions. But in their path to extend the benefits of unionism to the rest of the working population labor has been hampered by constant arrests for picketing and leaflet distribution and by injunctions issued by anti-labor judges to oblige union busting employers. Certainly if these judges and police commissioners had to stand for reelection and had to reckon with the vote and strength of labor they would not so readily violate their constitutional rights.

The 137,000 Negro citizens who inhabit the District of Columbia, living in the capital of a great democracy, are denied their basic constitutional rights and treated as if the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments had never been passed. They are denied entry into public theatres and restaurants, their children attend schools that are abandoned as unfit for white children, constitute 80 per cent of our unemployed and are treated by the District Police in an unrestrained and brutal manner. But if we had a local government to which all citizens would participate equally this jim-crowism, discrimination and brutality in the seat of our government would long have been ended by laws making it a crime to discriminate against any person on account of the color of his skin.

A very promising and hopeful development during the past year has been the formation of two citizens committees whose purpose it is to fight for local self-government. I have reference to the District of Columbia Suffrage Association, whose chairman is Wilbur S. Finch, of the Federation of Citizens Associations, and the Committee for Progressive Action, headed by Mr. Carl Gerber.

The Communist Party of Washington hails this development, for it is also of the opinion that only through the establishment of a local government could we adequately cope with the most vital problems that confront our citizens.

Local self-government can be regained if progressive Washington would make its voice heard and its determination felt in the halls of Congress. To accomplish this a petition campaign is now being launched by certain organizations for several hundred thousand signatures This is an indication of rising popular sentiment for suffrage. This must be increased a hundredfold and finally all these Citizens Associations, trade unions, civic, religious, and fraternal organizations must merge their forces into one mighty and irresistible force, that will compel Congress to take action — to make Washington part of America, that will put life into Lincoln's fervent hope that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall be restored to the nation's capital.

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A Proposal to Sidetrack Progress and Democracy

• The strategy of the Tory Southern filibusterers in the Senate moves systematically from trick to trick—each one more unprincipled than the other.

First, they lay down a barrage of lynch-inciting slanders against the Negro people, shamelessly defying the Constitution, particularly the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. Meanwhile, they are carrying out against the American people one of the most arrogant tie-ups of the democratic processes of the government that this country has ever seen.

All of this Klan hooliganism, of course, helped to prepare the ground for the latest proposal of Sen. Tom Connally, of Texas, the leader of this disgraceful filibuster. Connally proposed that the Anti-Lynching Bill be sidetracked for other measures.

This proposal—besides being a horse-trade on the constitutional rights of the Negro people—endangers the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill a million per cent. **Its vicious purpose is to weaken and divide the supporters of the Anti-Lynching Bill both in and out of the Senate.**

The reactionary Connallys seek to sidetrack the whole locomotive of progress and democracy, which the American people have started on its way. **To yield one inch to the Tory sabotagers on the Anti-Lynching Bill is to pave the way for them to filibuster to death wages and hours legislation; adequate farm aid and other social legislation vitally needed by the American people.**

The Roosevelt administration supports the Anti-Lynching Bill. But it must launch out vigorously against this damnable filibuster, if the die-hard Democrats and Republicans are not to play havoc with the Anti-Lynching Bill and the rest of the progressive New Deal program.

At this critical moment, action—and more action—is needed from the labor and progressive forces throughout the country. The National Negro Congress and the Southern Negro Youth Congress have set an example by organizing protests and delegations to the Senate from various parts of the country.

Labor's Non-Partisan League has shown the way to labor and progressives by vigorously denouncing the filibuster and demanding the immediate passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill.

These examples should be followed at once by trade unions, fraternal groups, civic and church organizations on a nation-wide scale. The democratic rights of every American citizen demand that the Anti-Lynching Bill become a law at all costs!

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Dr. Conant Would Dim The Light for the Youth

• What a gloomy picture for the hopeful and ambitious young Americans President James B. Conant of Harvard University painted in his annual report to the Board of Overseers.

Pointing to Europe in general (though he would have been accurate if he referred to the fascist lands), Dr. Conant held up the spectacle of the same "danger of unemployment" among the educated and professional people for the United States.

As a remedy against a discontented and unemployed professional class, Dr. Conant proposed the scandalous remedy of **"a diminution in the total number of students in the universities of this country."**

The United States has always, with some justification, prided itself on its educational opportunities, its compulsory elementary schools and the easily available facilities for higher education. American democracy, in the eyes of the people, required the broadest extension of education.

To what a pass capitalist culture has come when one of the highest officials in one of the leading universities of the nation recommends plowing under ambitious young students to prevent an "overproduction" of the educated.

Certainly he cannot and does not speak for the overwhelming majority of American educators who are convinced that there is not sufficient educational facilities and opportunities for the great mass of the youth of America.

In fascist Germany, the number of high school students, for example, declined from 128,000 in 1932 to 89,000 in 1937. Would Dr. Conant take his cultural cue from Hitler? But in the Soviet Union during the very same period, the number of high school students rose from 160,000 to 525,000!

Why a reduction of students in higher education in one country, under fascism, and why such a sharply opposite condition in the U.S.S.R.?

Fascism abhors education and culture where it does not advance its war program. In the Soviet Union, Socialist culture provides the employment and the facilities for the entire people to advance its knowledge and for the most ambitious to reach the highest rungs in education and culture.

Indeed, the right to employment (the lack of which is the central reason for Dr. Conant's backward proposals) is guaranteed to every human being in the Soviet Union by the Constitution. In Chapter X of the Soviet Constitution we read:

"Citizens of the U.S.S.R. have the right to work—the right to guaranteed employment and payment for the work in accordance with its quantity and quality."

And on education the same constitution says, in a spirit far different than that expressed by Dr. Conant:

"The right of education is ensured by universal, compulsory elementary education, by the fact that education, INCLUDING HIGHER UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, is free of charge."

Here in the United States where the American youth are not ready to be condemned to the policy of scarcity in education they have fought and will fight harder to retain their opportunities and to extend them. The youth are demanding and should receive every assistance in obtaining extension of the National Youth Administration aid to education.

More than ever now, with Dr. Conant's proposals which will be taken up by the worst reactionaries, should the demand be raised for the passage of the Fletcher-Harrison Bill which provides for $500,000,000 Federal aid to the states for education purposes.

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A Meaningless Oath

• John Milton, puppet of New Jersey's "I-am-the-law" Hague, took the Senate oath yesterday.

That is both a comedy and a tragedy.

It is a comedy that Milton can take an oath to uphold the Constitution—when he, as the man Friday of Hague, has helped to maintain in New Jersey one of the most corrupt anti-labor political machines in the country. "Hitler" Hague's tin-pot dictatorship of trampling the Wagner Labor Act, the bill of Rights and of attacking liberals and progressives—**is the very negation of the Constitution.**

It is a tragedy against the people of New Jersey—and the American people—that Milton gets as far as taking the Senate oath, to say nothing of his actual serving as a Senator.

Milton's "political career" is symbolic with all that's vile in American politics. Under "Czar" Hague's tutelage and instructions he cleaned up millions as a go-between in a foul merry-go-round involving open shop, sweat shop, receivership and building supply rackets. He was driven from office as Hudson County prosecutor by two legislative investigations into graft charges.

Milton was appointed to the Senate by Governor A. Harry Moore, another stooge for Hague—**and he is still a part of the corrupt Hague machine.**

By unseating Milton, the Senate will be serving the cause of democracy, which the Hague-Moore-Milton axis has undermined in New Jersey and want to do now on a national scale. The Senate has such precedents as its refusal to seat Newberry, Smith and Boss Vare, of Pennsylvania.

Besides not even the faintest trace of democracy surrounds Milton's presence in the Senate—since he was appointed, not elected. And the people of New Jersey had not one word to say about this fascist-like coup of Hague.

Labor's Non-Partisan League expressed the desires of democratic America by filing charges against Milton in the Senate and calling for a thorough investigation of his disgraceful anti-labor and undemocratic record. Prompt and full support of the League's action by labor and progressives throughout the country will remind the Senate of its duty to the American people.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• Among the American people the debate on collective security versus isolation as the best means of helping to preserve world peace, rages more heatedly than ever, as the impact of the fascist wars rouses many from a false sense of isolated security in the United States.

In the public discussions on this question some strange paradoxes crop up. For instance, the Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, an organization of 300 rabbis, sponsored a report in which it recommended that the United States remain completely aloof from all collective efforts to maintain world peace. This is a bad service, indeed, to the Jews in the Fascist countries who are made to suffer all the indignities the Nazis can contrive to heap on this oppressed race as a means of distracting attention from war preparations designed to destroy democracy in the rest of the world. Jewish Rabbis in this country advocating isolation as avidly as William Randolph Hearst actually aid the foreign policy of the Fascist program applied to the U. S. and thereby contribute to the Nazi and other Fascist hopes that diabolical anti-Semitic schemes will succeed ultimately on a world scale.

American isolation is the most sought after and desired diplomatic objective of the Fascists in their schemes to bring on a world war.

American participation in collective peace action would be the greatest obstacle to the Fascist triangle's war objectives, and would do more than any immediately conceivable action to head off a Fascist-instigated world war.

Certainly the Rabbinical report cannot speak the real sentiments of the 300 Rabbis, many of whom must know that isolating America is clearing the road for a speedier approach of a Fascist-planned world war.

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Another argument on "isolation" as peace insurance which reduced itself to an absurdity is the article by Bruce Bliven in the New Republic of Jan. 26 entitled, "Memorandum on National Policy." Instead of espousing peace, Mr. Bliven, an enthusiastic advocate of a national ostrich policy, devotes himself to a technical discussion of arms. He disagrees with the brass hats in the army and the gold-braided admirals in the navy over precisely what sort of "national defense" or "national military" program is most adequate. Mr. Bliven, it seems, favoring isolation, must talk of national defense because he has little hope in world peace and believes that big coast defense guns, proper planes, fortifications and the right kind of army (at not too great cost, of course) would save America from war. This is different from Hearst's arguments concerning a huge military outlay for "national defense" only in degree but not in kind. These differently motivated isolationists differ on the kind of arms and their amount rather than on the basic principle: that without collective security the U. S. is to rely on its military-geographic isolation and on arms for "peace."

Would a qualitative or a quantitative revision in U. S. arms in the least change the world situation with the Fascists continuing their war extension? Certainly not. Secure peace can be gained only by thwarting the war instigators. Otherwise the people are being led into a dangerously false sense of security which relies on guns whether of the Hearst or Bliven quality or calibre. Because the isolationists of all types must reassure the American people that an army can be built on our shores to keep America out of war, in the last analysis they give emphasis to military means to attain "peace" instead of permitting the real peace powers of the people to bring pressure on the governments so as to achieve international co-operation that can guarantee peace without increased arms or war, and without playing into the hands of the Fascists.

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A more substantial and hopeful expression of the bent of American public opinion on this controversial question was the declaration of policy of the eleven national women's organizations with a membership of 7,000,000. At the Washington Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, these organizations voted to support collective peace measures. "If the U. S. would revive its faith in collective action for peace at this juncture," said one of the resolutions, "it is likely that the rest of the world would find new hope and confidence."

Among the specific proposals adopted were the following: Support of reciprocal trade agreements, along political lines to further peace; consultation with signatory states to halt violations of the Kellogg Peace Pact; co-operation with other nations in financial and economic measures, not including war, designed to withhold aid to a treaty-breaking nation," and to put financial obstacles in the way of the Fascist treaty-breaking powers.

Furthermore, the 11 national women's organizations' representatives voted for amending the Neutrality Act to distinguish between aggressor and victim and to place embargoes on those nations threatening world peace.

Though the debate grows more acrimonious, the realities of hopeless isolation and active measures for war through collective action are made clearer to ever wider masses of the American people.

'MADE IN GERMANY' by Ellis

Brophy Assails Scripps-Howard Chain For Publishing 'Stool-berg' Series

By Lawrence Emery

TOLEDO, O. (By Mail).—John Brophy, national director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, flayed Benjamin Stolberg and his series of red-baiting articles in the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers at a tremendous overflow CIO rally here Friday night.

Brophy also criticized Father Coughlin as a "proponent of social justice" in words but not in deeds," and dubbed him a "common bedfellow" with Stolberg.

Brophy began his speech describing the great meeting as an "answer to a renegade radical who would malign and discredit the great movement led by the CIO." He described Stolberg as a "journalistic commentator not of much significance—not of as much significance as an erstwhile liberal chain of newspapers which has capitalized over the years on a reputation of being liberal and progressive."

ASSAILS CHAIN

"When a real liberal force gets into action," Brophy continued, "this chain hires a renegade radical to do the dirty work of besmirching the labor movement. But by this great turnout tonight," he told the audience, "you have answered the renegade—and you have served notice to the newspapers which would discredit labor before the public."

Describing the CIO as the "greatest movement that has come in our lifetime," Brophy said that the vicious attacks against it are being made "because greed and privilege are unable to share power with the masses. That is why we have a press that is unfriendly, a press that is hostile, that befouls the springs of social well-being."

Stolberg in one of his articles had singled Brophy out for vicious criticism, and among other things had called him "naive." "I may be naive," said Brophy, "in my faith in my fellow-men; I may be naive in believing in democracy."

TALKS ON COUGHLIN

Referring to Father Coughlin, he said: "A lot of people talk about social justice. Not far from here, a little north, in Royal Oak, I believe, is a man who talks a lot about social justice. But whenever movements are organized to advance social justice, they do not help them, they criticize them. Now the ultra-Marxian Stool-berg and that proponent of social justice in words but not in deeds have become common bedfellows. They have joined hands against the mighty force of labor which is moving forward."

Criticizing the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, Brophy said: "These papers claim to be liberal. But when the test comes, they capitulate to the doctrines of Hearst. They become anti-labor and anti-liberal. Well, we are finding out who are our enemies."

Brophy was given a standing ovation by the great audience, estimated at nearly 5,000.

REAFFIRM ALLEGIANCE

A resolution "emphatically reasserting our allegiance to the CIO, its leadership and its splendid program in the face of efforts by reactionary interests to split labor's ranks by false newspaper propaganda" was adopted unanimously.

The resolution was offered by Bob Travis, well-known leader of the United Auto Workers Union who established his leadership in the Toledo labor movement.

The great meeting was called by the Toledo CIO to formulate a program of struggle against unemployment and to endorse the program of independent political action formulated by Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Arnold Johnson, Ohio organizer for the Workers Alliance, was one of the main speakers. Other speakers included Paul Fuller, president of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, Leo Krzycki, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, and Homer Martin, president of the United Auto Workers Union.

Ken Cole, executive secretary of the CIO in Toledo, announced a conference to form a branch of Labor's Non-Partisan League, to be held Feb. 19. "All organizations, without regard to their affiliations, are invited," he said.

Brophy, in his speech, outlined the four main legislative proposals which form the basis of the CIO's struggle against the present recession.

Have They Got It? Oh, How They Have It!

• Nineteen thirty seven was good growing weather for Wall Street millionaires.

Sixty-one persons, despite all the squirming and evasion possible with good lawyers, had to report incomes of over $1,000,000.

This brings the number of millionaire incomes to the highest point in five years, the Treasury Department states.

The names of these sixty-one persons with incomes of $2,700 or more a day is kept discreetly hidden. How did they "earn" this torrent of income? What useful contributions did they make to society? How much income taxes did they pay, and how much wealth do they possess?

This vital information is a government secret.

It is a safe bet that these multi-millionaires are all united in their horror at what they call "excessive government spending" for relief. It is a safe bet that these plutocrats are all indignant at the taxation of corporation profits because it irritates "business confidence."

But in this little piece of Treasury Department information is a glimpse of what the American people could do if they enforced a real tax program, with drastic taxes on swollen incomes, with pitiless publicity on the inside information, for whom, how and why such incomes are made while millions of American workers and farmers live miserably on annual incomes ranging from $500-$1,800 a year.

A million-dollar income means "earning" $2,700 a day. There is only one way to have such an income. That is to rob, exploit, plunder the people through the power that comes from capitalist monopoly domination of the wealth which the people need to carry on their lives. Clip coupons, own stock, lend money and swallow what the people produce—that is the only way to "earn" $2,700 a day.

What an untapped source of government revenue there is in these money bags whose scandalous profits come from the toil and suffering of the people!

Figure this out—

The average yearly wage of Mr. American Worker and Mr. American Farmer is less than what these Wall street capitalists take in in a SINGLE DAY.

Isn't it about time that the people and the government begin to make these multi-millionaires pay their share of the taxes to provide funds to help the impoverished, the unemployed and the dispossessed? Make the rich pay!

Have they got it? Oh, how they have it!

Letters From Our Readers

D. W. Plays Eminent Role for Abolition of Unemployment—

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the struggle for the right to guaranteed employment insured by the socialist organization of national economy and the abolition of unemployment, I believe your paper to be playing an eminent role. Because the "Worker" strives for ending the exploitation of the masses by the upper classes. It is quite evident that the "Worker" is a paper for every man and woman who works for a living. It does not cater to pompous opulents or overstuffed politicians. It is a paper for workers.

M. D. W.

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From A Blind Correspondent—

Bimini, Montana.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I, the writer, am blind. My wife reads the Daily Worker to me so that I may be posted on the news of the day. I certainly do hope that the Chinese drive the imperialist Japanese into the river, and keep them there; that the heroic Spanish people drive Franco, Hitler and Mussolini into the sea, and the sooner the better.

I have recently received a letter from a friend who was in Italy, who went to stay for two years, and returned in six months. He said that a package of chewing gum costs 50 cents; gasoline $1 a gallon. I was also talking to a friend who had recently visited Germany. She said in broken English, "Ah, nothing no good in Germany any more; everything is terrible in Germany."

Yours for more power,

JESSE BURBIDGE.

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'Fascism Must Be Smashed'—

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

If the Spanish people feel the way I do every time I read of another Hitler-Mussolini bombardment of defenseless women and children, and the ruthless destruction of life and property—I can see nothing but a determined effort on the part of workers everywhere who will smash to pieces the bloody terrorist war machine of international imperialism and fascism, and who will finally establish Socialism in the rest of the five-sixths of our earth.

STAVROR SAVIDES.

Change the World

More Reflections of A Man in a Hurry

by MIKE GOLD

THURSDAY—Strange obligations fall upon us at times, and for the sake of the movement, (no kidding) I had to allow myself to be taken to a Broadway night club last night. It was the first night club I have ever been in. My host tossed away the equal of two weeks' Daily Worker wages on the evening. Everything in this glittering place had a tariff on it. If you looked at the waiter, he added a dollar to the check. If you sneezed, or went to the toilet, or asked for water, there was a charge. Just sitting there cost three dollars.

And what did you get for it? Some chorus girls came out and trotted listlessly around, that awful fixed smile on their faces that I hate to see, for it means these poor kids are bored, just working for a living, a living that forces them to pretend to be full of eternal passion and pleasure. Then a little sissy man with painted eyebrows came out and crooned some of those awful Tin Pan ballads. At the tables gray-headed, rich old bums in dress suits drank and drank and then slobbered over their bored young partners of the evening. The place was actually dismal. I haven't been at a single dance or party in the poorest hall of a Workers' Club that hadn't more warmth, humanity and fun for a quarter.

No, it was my first and last time in a nightclub. Don't ever believe a word those Broadway gossips write about the glamor of these places. Theirs is just a job of ballyhoo and advertising—it is commercial glamor, false as the eyebrows of that crooner. No, I've never envied the rich their pleasures; I've seen it at various times at close hand. They are a stupid and unimaginative group, these American cash-grabbers, and they have no more inner resources than a pig. To be happy, they must be sloppy-drunk and throwing money around. I'd go nuts if I had to live for a week amongst such folk; and many a decent boy and girl born into this class has felt the same, and has broken away. No, I'm not getting moral about it, though there is a fundamental and hideous immorality about such ostentatious waste while masses of other Americans must starve. It's not only a question of morality, but of life—these people lead degraded lives, cheap, worthless, empty lives, and why should workers pay for it with their own lives, anyway?

Friday—Bravo for Dorothy Parker! She refused to act as chairman for a Sinclair Lewis lecture in Hollywood, but wired back, "Suggest you get Tom Girdler." The reviews that have appeared on his new red-baiting novel justify the attack I made on Lewis in these columns a month or so ago. The critics say it is the worst book he has ever written.

What in the world happens to such writers, former Socialists and liberals? The answer is easy: I have seen it work in at least a dozen other cases. While the writer is poor and unknown, all his contacts are with simple people, workingmen and women. He meets them on an easy and intimate plane, and writes about them as intimately. This gives him his strength, because the daily life of normal, working humanity is the only possible theme for good writing.

Then the author makes a success. He becomes wealthy and famous, like Lewis. Without realizing it, he becomes more and more insulated from the common people. He lives in tourist utopias and flashy hotels. His friends are now the drones and parasites of society—the small, limited, artificial world which only consumes and has forgotten how to create. A writer can only write best about the daily life he knows.

But what can any writer produce in such an environment? More drawing room comedies? He really comes to forget everything he ever knew about the great realities—and at this point, he begins to fake his material. He goes deeper and deeper into himself, and finds nothing there. He is like a fine machinist who has been out of work for years—he loses his touch. I say I have seen it happen before, and it has happened to Sinclair Lewis. He had a fine talent, a fine ear for the daily life of the American lower middle-class. Now he has been de-classed. Despite all the hateful and harmful things he is now doing, like a man in a frenzy, I am genuinely sorry for him. Luxury has robbed American literature of another of its best men.

Column Left

Know-Nothing Of California's Past and Present

by HARRISON GEORGE

BEFORE me is an issue of the Sacramento, California "Bee," announcing a meeting which is scheduled to take place as this is written. It is an "anti-Red rally," we are told. And we are likewise informed that Governor Merriam, who is not fit to shine the shoes of Tom Mooney, whom he holds in San Quentin Prison, "endorses the rally."

California's governor, says the "Bee," has "told the president of the Americanization Assembly"—whatever that is—that he, Merriam, "is heartily in sympathy with a public display"—against the "Reds" supposedly.

Which means, if you dig into it further, that Merriam is "heartily in sympathy" with anything that will prevent the unity and power of labor, whether it be of the CIO or the A. F. of L.—or Labor's Non-Partisan League.

This "Americanization Assembly" is a new wrinkle about California for yours truly. Maybe it is going to "Americanize" this Kansan. But it is only a new wrinkle on an old chestnut (providing chestnuts have wrinkles)—the ancient gag that some self-selected band of swindlers and scabs have a patent right to "Americanism."

The well-known "Know-Nothing" Party in the middle of the last century called itself the "Native American" Party, and it went in strong "agin' the foreigners"—and the Catholics. Today's Know Nothings are still "agin' the foreigners"—and have only substituted "reds"—and trade unions—for Catholics. Frank F. Merriam is hereby nominated as candidate for re-election on the ticket of the Know Nothing Party.

Along about 1850, the Know Nothings were going strong in the east, and it is said that their line of reactionary nonsense helped form the first band of cut-throats and crooks that terrorized San Francisco—the "Hounds," who later assumed the slicker name of "San Francisco Regulators."

The "Hounds" traded, also, on the rivalry between "Americans"—who had just got off the boat, and the Spanish-Americans, for gold claims. They were the "Americanization Assembly" of that day, and they were given free rein by crooked politicians of that day to "clean up" the defenseless Spanish-Americans. They burned homes, and murdered at will.

And it may be interesting for New Yorkers to note, that they were dominated by Tammany thugs from New York, who made their hangout at a bar on Kearney St. which they themselves called "Tammany Hall." Up in the gold-fields, they hung a pregnant woman once, after answering objections with: "Give her a fair trial and hang her." It was their barbaric cruelty against the Mexicans that drove to outlawry one of the worst bandits the west has known—Joaquin Murieta.

Joaquin, from being a peaceful miner, turned savage. But so might any man who was tortured and beaten, whose brother was hanged and whose wife was raped by those who operated under the banner of "Americanization."

The murderous "Hounds" in San Francisco were protected by the rich of San Francisco, until they injudiciously pillaged their protectors. The same with their successors, the "Sydney-ducks" who founded the Barbary Coast. These were, supposedly, wiped out by the Vigilantes. But, says history, after all was said and done, the same hell-holes remained—"all of which were carefully operated in strict accordance with the law."

Frisco's noted Vigilantes were, in sum total, phony. The first man they did their darnedest to hang, calling out great mobs to back them—was proven innocent. Doubtless there were some sincere men among them. But the whole thing was a sensational side-track of public attention from the real criminal—the political boss of that day, David C. Broderick, another pupil of Tammany.

Broderick was personal dictator. Crime and politics both paid him tribute. He organized the first political party, on Tammany model. And the famed Vigilantes never touched one hair of his head!

The Theory of Evolution in Practice

Darwinism Has Weathered Many Storms But Is Still the Foundation Of Modern Sciences

J. B. S. HALDANE

We are often told that Darwinism is one of the exploded myths of the nineteenth century. Some people say that evolution is a lie, others that it was determined by a life-force or a creative urge, or something vague of this kind, and not in the common-sense manner that Darwin thought.

At right, Charles Darwin, world famous 19th century scientist; below, Professor Haldane.

CHARLES DARWIN

Now anyone can find mistakes in Darwin's works. He was not infallible. In the same way Newton's account of gravitation was not quite right, but it is still good enough for the purposes for which it was framed.

Dalton's account of atoms has had to be revised, but it is still the basis of chemistry.

When Darwin wrote we knew much less about animals and plants of the past than we do now. He said that the complicated forms living today were descended from simpler forms in the past, and that intermediates would be found. If they had not been found he would have been proved wrong.

But they have been found. The bones of at least six different kinds of animal intermediate between men and apes have been discovered. Some of them used fire, so they are best thought of as men; although if they were alive today they would probably be shot as big game by sportsmen. Others probably had no industry, and were apes rather more manlike than the gorilla.

Professor J. B. S. Haldane, the author of this article, is one of the world's greatest scientists and Marxian biologists. A Fellow of the Royal Society of England, Professor Haldane has been long noted as an authority on genetics. This is the second of a series of article to be printed in the Daily Worker.

And these creatures occur in the rocks at the depth where they were expected. Darwinism would be exploded tomorrow if the skeleton of a man or a horse were found embedded in a coal seam, where only the bones of animals like newts and lizards are known.

In the same way Marxism would be disproved if a Fascist State raised real wages all round, abolished unemployment, and reduced its armed forces. But none of these things has happened.

Theory and Practice

The real test of the evolution theory is practice. The date of a rock can be determined from the fossils in it. And on the basis of this dating predictions are made about the minerals to be found in it.

Indeed, the details concerning Foraminifera, microscopic sea animals whose skeletons are found in limestone, are among the jealously guarded secrets of the great oil trusts. They are of such value in predicting where oil will be found that they have to be kept from rivals.

Men and women who do not believe in medical science have the courage of their convictions, and go in for nature cures, osteopathy, Christian Science, and so on. Rich people who say that they disbelieve in evolution do not invest their money in mining ventures undertaken contrary to the teachings of geology, which is based on the theory of evolution.

When a company of anti-Darwinians start looking for gold in Kent or coal in Cornwall, I shall take their doubts more seriously.

Besides giving an account of evolution, Darwin proposed a theory of why it had occurred. The main trend had been determined by natural selection. Animals and plants varied, the variations were partly inherited; and since some variations allowed their possessors to leave more descendants, they spread through the population, and thus the population changed, and a new species was found.

For example, some animals have thicker hair than others of the same species, and the differences are inherited, as anyone can see by comparing fox terriers and collies. The hairier animals will do better in the Arctic, and the less hairy in the tropics. And thus two races will be formed which will later develop into two species.

This theory was criticized from many angles. Some people think that habits acquired during life are handed down to the descendants. This was believed by Lamarck, a French scientist who had anticipated Darwin's views on the historical side of evolution. But no one has been able to prove it experimentally, and many facts on natural history speak against it.

Survival of Fittest, Untrue

No animals have more complicated instincts than worker bees. They do not reproduce, and are not descended from other workers, but from queens and drones. So if habits are inherited they should long ago have lost their instincts, which enable them to build honeycombs and to do other remarkable feats. They should have come to behave like queens or drones.

Lamarckism is now being used to support reaction. A British biologist who holds this view thinks that it is no good offering self-government to peoples whose ancestors have long been oppressed, or education to the descendants of many generations of illiterates. He has, however, still to explain why even the children of orators must still be taught to speak, though men have been speaking for hundreds of generations.

Darwin's theory of natural selection by the survival of the fittest has also been used to defend human injustice. The facts, however, are against this view. Throughout history ruling classes have exterminated themselves.

At present the rich in England leave fewer children than the poor, even when allowance is made for the lower infantile death-rate of the rich. The capitalist may win in the struggle for cash, but the workers are winning the struggle for life.

Anti-Darwinians still say that species are quite different from varieties because varieties, for example greyhounds and bull-dogs, although they look different, can be crossed together, whereas species, such as horse and donkey, usually cannot be crossed, or give sterile hybrids like the mule.

However, artificial species, which cannot be crossed, have lately been made from a single original species. This was first done about 20 years ago with tomatoes in London, and more recently with flies in Moscow.

Darwin's views on variation and heredity have had to be greatly modified, and his account of natural selection was a good deal too simple.

Nevertheless, modern biology is built on foundations which Darwin laid.

Rocking the Cradle

Howard da Silva, the union organizer, gives Olive Stanton some good advice at the Windsor Theatre in "The Cradle Will Rock."

'Happy Landing' Lucky Break for Audiences

Sonja Henie Seen at Her Best in New Film at the Roxy Theatre

"HAPPY LANDING," a 20th-Century-Fox picture, produced by Darryl F. Zanuck, directed by Roy Del Ruth, screen play by Milton Sperling and Morris Ingster, with Sonja Henie, Don Ameche, Jean Hersholt, Ethel Merman, Cesar Romero, Billy Gilbert, El Brendel. At the Roxy.

By James Dugan

Sonja Henie's grace on the ice plus songs and funny cracks of an uncommonly good variety puts "Happy Landing," the new musical at the Roxy, in the small group of good screen extravaganzas. The great Zanuck dug up El Brendel from oblivion and gave him a small chore in the picture. The ebullient Roxy audience greeted their long lost friend with happy chuckles.

Don Ameche is the manager of a philandering band leader, Cesar Romero, and the unhappy manager's chiefest task is keep the dames away. They fly the ocean in a plane stuffed with pingpong balls (remember Harry Richmond) and find Sonja in a quaint Norwegian Village, where her most beautiful skating sequence is presently staged. This starts all kinds of heartbreak when Cesar runs away and takes up with Ethel Merman, a sprite from the Bronx, given to chanting with his band.

Now, if you see the billing, you know that this works out with the two leads falling in each other's arms and Cesar practically shotgunned into Ethel's svelte embrace. A good deal of tiresome footage unreels before the denouement.

Perfection On Skates

Henie is superb. I should imagine that every little girl would want to be like her when she grows up. She whirls, dips, leaps, runs gracefully on the toes of her skates and manages to make this routine exercise a delightful and magical thing. Don Ameche is developing into a fine box office attraction with a personality somewhere between Robert Donat and Gary Cooper. In the scene where he and Sonja go into a hamburger joint to order from goofy Billy Gilbert, they dance to a nickle phonograph and this realistic little setting is the best thing in the picture. The other scenes are grandiose night clubs, etc.

Cesar Romero gets his first role chore and he works hard. No soap. Jean Hersholt has a bit in his usual expert manner. Ethel Merman has not fallen into the clutches of an elecution teacher so far and her delivery of gags is excellent. When the aviators land in Sonja's homeland, her papa (Hersholt) finds they are from America. He delivers the classic line: "Ha, millionaires!"

Henie's breath - taking skate dances deserve a real picture built around them. How about making one from "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates?" Mr. Zanuck. It would be a small trick to change Hans to Sonja and you wouldn't have to drag in dreary stuff like bandleaders and night clubs. You and your zombies could do it, Mr. Zanuck.

Author Discusses Plays

Compares "One-Sixth of the Earth" to "Today in America"

By Lee Roberts

Comparisons between "One-Sixth of the Earth" and "Today In America" are inevitable. Having been connected with both plays, and having seen both from the same position in the Garden, namely, the radio actors' booth, I can at least judge the quality of the two performances with some objectivity. To my mind, the actors on the stage in "Today In America" were smoother than those of "One-Sixth of the Earth," while the radio company of the earlier play excelled their successors of last Wednesday.

Such deficiencies as existed in the booth, however, were due to the unexpectedly great difficulties of assembling a company for rehearsal, and in the circumstances the radio actors performed much better than anybody could have hoped. As an instance of the handicaps which were overcome I should like to give one instance. The actor who portrayed President Roosevelt, and whose voice was described by one of the capitalist newspapers as "surprisingly like" Mr. Roosevelt's, arrived in the booth literally only five minutes before the show began. He had come through a half hour battle with the police to get into the Garden, and read his lines without any rehearsal at all. This was typical of the spirit which animated the whole company.

Tribute to Director

The majority of the forty-odd actors on the stage were veterans of "One-Sixth of the Earth," and they had very obviously profited from their earlier experience. They had gained not only in acting ability, but also in the highly important matter of theatrical discipline. The result was apparent in the performance, and if the permanent "One-Sixth of the Earth" company continue to work hard they can reasonably look forward to the accomplishment of theatrical tasks that are of great importance to the forces of peace and democracy.

Finally, a tribute is due to the director, Sam Rolland, the company manager, Janet Wilcox, the light technician, Raoul Mani, and that rarest of all creatures, the most excellent stage manager.

Dance for Spain

Leading dance artists of America will participate in the "Dance For Spain" program to be held at the Hippodrome on Friday evening, January 28, for the benefit of the relief work of the Medical Bureau and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

New Caldwell Play

The first work of Erskine Caldwell to reach Broadway since his "Tobacco Road" began its long career over four years ago will be seen at the Fulton Theatre on Saturday evening, January 29, when Sam Byrd presents "Journeyman," a dramatization of Caldwell's short novel of the same name by Alfred Hayes and Leon Alexander.

Hollywood Inside Out

M. G. M. Changes History to Suit Itself

By DON BLACKWELL

The revolutionaries who participated in the French Revolution were "drunken prostitutes, sleezy fishwives, pushcart peddlers and all the dregs of the well known sewers of Paris." This characterization was be the late Irving Thalberg, who despite his death is still guiding the destinies of M-G-M's "Marie Antoinette" in which Norma Shearer is to be starred. Metro writers are finding it much easier to change history than change the theme of Irving Thalberg.

It is doubtful whether mass protest can deter M-G-M- from making this film at this time, since more than a half million dollars has already been spent on it and also because it was the reactionary Thalberg's last dream.

Marie, as played by Norma Shearer, will be filmed as a great heroine and heartbreaker. Actually, she was notorious, but not as a lover of the male of the species. And reversing the process her husband, the Dauphin, who was quite normal, is pictured as abnormal in the script.

History in the Making

These may be minor points but one wonders what the people of France will say when they hear their ancestors who participated in the French Revolution being described as above. What will they say when the cause of the revolution is depicted in the screen play as due to the bribing of Robespierre and the hiring of authors and playwrights to stir up the people? Yet the script has a scene where Marie, who said, "Let 'em eat cake," refuses to accept an expensive necklace because the people are starving!

Yes, M-G-M is sure making history. The Duc d'Orleans started the revolution because Marie wouldn't give in; Antoinette was a great queen, suffered with the starving people and was normal and the people who were "duped" into carrying out the revolution were "dregs." However, the French people will undoubtedly have something to say about this particular version of their glorious past. In addition, M-G-M is said to face a law suit over the story.

New Theatre School Registration

Registration for the Spring term of the New Theatre School is now going on at the offices of the school, 132 W. 43rd St. As well as the regular studio courses in acting, directing, playwriting and scenic design, the curriculum for the Spring semester will include a special course for camp dramatic counselors, under the direction of Lazar Galpern.

WPA Repertory

The Federal Theatre Project presents a repertory of hits from the Theatre of the Four Seasons including Shakespeare's "Coriolanus,"

Health Advice

By Medical Advisory Board

Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise. Readers' questions will be referred to a doctor for reply. However, diagnosis of individual cases and prescription will not be attempted. When writing, please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.

PART ONE

The Autopsy—What It Is

The dead body, to the worker who is free of superstition, represents a wonderful mechanism that has stopped working. Medical science has been helped by finding out the cause of death to make further progress in health possible.

The best way to find out why a machine or a human body has failed is to examine it after it has stopped. The examination of a dead person is called a post-mortem (after death) examination or an autopsy. It is carried out by a medical specialist, a pathologist, with the same care and thought that a surgeon operates upon the living. To complete the examination, the pathologist studies the germs found, and carefully studies small parts of the organs under the microscope.

It was by post-mortem examinations that medical science helped advance itself, by comparing the actions of the patient during illness with the changes in his organs after death. How do we know, for example, that a patient is suffering from pneumonia? The bodies of those unfortunate enough to have died while showing certain symptoms (cough, fever, chest pains, failure of breathing in parts of the chest) were carefully examined after death. At that time it was found that there were certain definite changes in the lungs. Such information has been given to all doctors, even those who have never examined a dead body. As a result it is now known that the patient showing those symptoms were suffering from a definite disease of the lungs, called "pneumonia." A similar procedure of comparison is largely responsible for our knowledge of all the diseases from which we suffer.

Dots & Dashes

HIGHLIGHT PROGRAMS FOR TODAY

7:30-EAR, Madrid, Spain, on 9:48 m., 31—m., short wave band
7:30-WABC—Famous Actors Guild with Helen Menken in "Second Husband"
8:00-WEAF—Johnny Presents Russ Morgan's Orchestra, Charles Martin, Frances Adair, Glenn Cross, Genevieve Rowe, Ray Block and Swing Fourteen and guest
WABC—"Big Town," with Edward Robinson
8:30-WABC—Jolson Show
9:00-WEAF—Hollywood Mardi Gras
WABC—Jack Oakie's College
9:30-EAR, Madrid, Spain

7:00-WABC—Poetic Melodies
WJZ—Easy Aces, Sketch
7:15-WABC—Hollywood Screen
7:30-WABC—Famous Screen
7:30-WABC—Famous Actors Guild
8:00-WEAF—Variety Show, Russ Morgan's Orchestra
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BIGGEST NIGHT FOR LABOR BASKETBALL!

ON THE SCOREBOARD

By Lester Rodney

Prize-fighter Tommy Farr was pretty well hopped on by local sports scribes for neglecting to shake hands with Jim Braddock when the fight ended and he heard that he had lost.

I sort of liked Tommy's honest truculence.

Here's a guy whose existence depends on smacking other men in the beezer harder and more often than they smack him. He's just finished fighting his heart out for ten long rounds, and the roar of the crowd has sounded gleefully every time he's been hit—a sickening whack to the ribs—that blinding, smarting, juicy all over feeling when one explodes full in the face. Fighting isn't the easiest or most gentle game.

When it was over, Tommy thought he had won. Whether correctly or incorrectly HE honestly thought he had won.

"The winner—Braddock!" must have hit Farr hard. I'd think it more worthy of criticism had he smiled gracefully, shaken hands and pranced down the aisles smiling right and left as so many losers do. "Show me a smiling loser and I'll show you a yellow streak," someone once said.

That may be a bit strong, but it can certainly be amended to: "Show me a smiling loser and I'll show you a hypocrite."

So here's one minority hurrah for the loser, Tommy Farr, who didn't give a rap if everyone knew he hated to lose—including Emily Post.

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Women and Sports

"Why don't you have more news of women in sports on the Daily Worker sports page?" We've heard that recently, and haven't had a very good answer.

The "Daily" probably devotes as much or more space proportionally to the woman in sports than the capitalist sports pages, but THEY don't devote anything like the proper proportion of space to it. Of course, they'll turn over pages full to the big success gals like Sonja Henie (and who can blame them), and that's the point. A woman has to hit absolute tops in her field before she begins to get onto the sports pages. Very little recognition and encouragement for the women TRYING to get along.

And that's the answer to the small percentage of women who read the sports pages. An interesting table compiled in the New York "Guild Reporter" on what draws the newspaper reader shows the following percentage:

Sports Column—34 per cent of the male readers, 4 per cent of the female. Only 4 per cent of the female readers glance at the lead sports story, too, while 28 per cent of the male readers supposedly never miss it.

Plain enough.

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In America's National Pastime

Talking of tables and statistics, here's something interesting from the "Sporting News."

That weekly has made a rather exhaustive study of the nationalities and derivations of our big league baseball players.

The findings are as good an answer to some of our crackpot "racial purists" as you might find. If there is anything more "American" than baseball, I'd like to know what it is.

The major leagues, which, excepting for the rotten and unwritten ban on Negroes, can be taken as containing a majority of the best players in the country, have many more stars of "non-Anglo-Saxons" than otherwise.

To give you an idea, here are some of the nationalities of the Boston Red Sox—

Roger Cramer—Dutch; James Foxx—Irish; Moe Berg—Russian-Jewish; Ben Chapman—Scotch-Indian; Gene Desautels—French; Fabian Gaffke—Polish; Joseph Gonzales—Spanish; Fred Ostermueller—German; Joe Vosmik—Bohemian; Ted Williams—English, and so on.

Or take our own Yankees—champs of them all.

Lou Gehrig—German; Frankie Crosetti and Joe DiMaggio—Italian; Bill Dickey—Scotch-Irish; Joseph Glenn—Polish; Lefty Gomez—Spanish-Irish; Bump Hadley—English; Arndt Jorgens—Norwegian; Frank Makosky—Czechoslovakian.

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Labor Sports Booming

The recently founded Trade Union Athletic Basketball Association is really catching on fast. The Stuyvesant High School gym was crammed with spectators Sunday night.

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A Sock at Discrimination

When the Hampton Institute basketball team (top photo) played Brooklyn College in the latter's gym Saturday night it marked the first time in intercollegiate sport that a Negro team was invited to play by a non-Negro college.

A roaring resolution between halves sent a telegram enroute to Washington urging the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill and the ending of the filibuster trying to stop it.

Lower picture shows an exciting moment in the game, won by the crack Brooklyn College team, 46-31.

Cunningham On A.A.U. 'All' Team 5th Year

All-American Track Team Again Features Many Negro Aces

Glenn Cunningham, Kansas' perennial miler, was named yesterday on Dan Ferris' All-America track and field team for the fifth straight year.

The A. A. U. secretary-treasurer, who announces his annual selections in the official athletic almanac, retained only 10 of the names from his 1937 honor team.

With six exceptions—20,000-meter run, Marathon, 110-meter hurdles, high jump, 16-pound shot put and javelin throw—Ferris' selections conform to the national championship holders. His All-America follows:

Sixty-meter Run—Ben Johnson, Columbia; 100-meters— Perrin Walker, N. Y. A. C.; 200-meters—Jack Wierhauser, Olympic Club, San Francisco; 400-meters—Ray Malott, Olympic Club; 800-meters—Edward O'Brien, Syracuse; 500-meters—John Woodruff, Pittsburgh; 1,000-meters—Elroy Robinson, Olympic Club; 1,500-meters—Glenn Cunningham, N. Y. Club Exchange A.A.; 5,000-meters—Joseph McCluskey, N.Y.A.C.; 10,000-meters—Eino Penttil, Fillrsse, A.A., New York.

Fifteen-hundred-meters—John A. Kelley, Arlington, Mass.; 20,000-meters—Jean Berthelot, Millrose, A.A.; 25,000-meters—John A. Kelley, Arlington, Mass.; 30,000-meters —Mel Porter, Millrose, A.A.

Marathon—Pat Dengis, Baltimore.

Cross-country—Donald Lash, Indiana.

Steeplechase—Floyd Lochner, St. Louis.

65-meter hurdles—Allan Tolmich, Wayne University, Detroit; 400-meter hurdles—Jack Patterson, Rice Institute; 3,000-meter walk—Max Beutel, New York; 15-milometer walk—John Abbate, Cincinnati; 30-Kilometer walk—Morris Fleischer, St. Anselm's A.C., New York; 50-kilometer walk—Al Mangan, Lowell, Mass.

High jump—Mel Walker, Ohio State.

Broad jump—Kermit King, Pittsburgh, Kan. Teachers College.

Hop-step-jump—William Brown, Baker, La., High School.

Pole vault—William Sefton, South California Sportsmen's Assn.

Sixteen-pound shotput—San Francis, Nebraska; 35-pound weight throw—Irving Folwartshny, Rhode Island State; 56-pound weight throw—Louis Lepio, N.Y.A.C.; 16-pound hammer throw—Irving Folwartshny.

Discus throw—Phil Levy, Olympic Club.

Javelin throw—Alton Terry, Olympic Club.

Pentathalon—Eulace Peacock, Temple.

Decathlon—Richard Kearns, Colorado.

Union Leader All for Big Sports Program

James B. Carey, General President of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, heartily endorsed the ambitious sports program of the District Four, U. E. R. M. W. A., Sports Committee in a letter to Ben Liebman, the committee's chairman.

In the letter he stressed the importance of athletics in building up solidarity within the union, both in increasing the respect of the rank and file members for the union and in drawing members to the union.

The U. E. R. M. W. athletic program for District Four includes handball, basketball, baseball and track and field. At present there is an eight team inter-local league going strong in the metropolitan area. Locals 1225, 1224, 1218, 1217, 1206, 1202, 1227 and 421, Jersey City, are participating.

From Champ Sprinter to Labor-Baiting Phony

(By Federated Press)

Some of America's great athletes, trained in the wisdom of pure amateurism and honest competition, turn out, in later life, to be just another vigilante hiding behind a brilliant has-been sports record. One of these athletic lads, who has taken up labor-baiting as a profession, is ex-fleet-feet Charlie Paddock.

Nat Perlow, staff-writer for Federated Press, outdistanced the former champ sprinter and found him enjoying the expensive luxuries of the Waldorf-Astoria in N. Y. City. Paddock came to the great metropolis—so goes his story—to learn about "racket-busting" from Atty. Thomas E. Dewey, the city's famous anti-racket prosecutor.

But Perlow found out different, and from Paddock himself. The great has-been sprinter, the idol of a million American youngsters, came all the way east to learn new ways of busting unions, and no holds barred. To date fleet-feet Charlie is strong man for the Long Beach, Calif., vigilante Citizens Committee of Ten Thousand and general manager—or chief censor—of the Long Beach Press Telegram, an anti-labor newspaper.

A spokesman for Dewey said the famous prosecutor steered clear of Charlie and wouldn't recognize him even if he was running the 100-yard dash in record time. But Paddock refuses to be stopped, and is now headed for Washington to discuss "racket busting" with G-Man J. Edgar Hoover, another lad who will do almost anything to get his picture in the papers.

Baugh Still Going

DALLAS, Jan. 24.—The Washington Redskins, pro football champions, can't have any doubts in their minds about signing Slinging Sammy Baugh for the next season. After the way he triple-treated Washington to a 13-0 victory over the Chicago Bears in an exhibition game here yesterday, Sammy will have plenty to say when it comes to talking salary, and it looks like the Redskins will do the listening.

Janitor a Suicide

WEST NEW YORK, N. J., Jan. 24 (UP).—The body of William Sulzer, 55, of 432 Palisade Ave., was found today with a .32 calibre bullet through the head. Police said he had shot himself. He had been a janitor at Public School Five for 20 years.

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RETURN BOUT DUE FOR FARR; LOUIS GETS SET

Braddock May Try to Repeat in England—Louis Faces Mann

Former heavyweight champion Jimmy Braddock and Tommy Farr of Wales were expected to sign contracts soon for a return bout this spring. It may be held in England.

Braddock's upset win over the Welshman last Friday night gave his manager, Joe Gould, a commanding position in the heavyweight situation. He has ruled out Maxie Baer as the next opponent for the perennial Irishman despite a written agreement with promoter Mike Jacobs for a Braddock-Baer fight on March 11.

Gould, a shrewd manager, left himself a "couple of outs" when the agreement was signed. They were "that the date and the terms" must prove to be acceptable. Gould, who steered Braddock to a title bout with Joe Louis despite court action to force him to comply with three Madison Square Garden contracts to meet Max Schmeling, can say today "no terms and no date will be acceptable."

Knowing that "young" Braddock's 32-year-old legs will not carry him through more than one or two more good fights, Gould is gunning for another shot at the crown.

Meanwhile fistic interest will swing to the forthcoming title defense of champion Joe Louis against Nathan Mann on Feb. 22. Louis will start intensive training shortly.

Mann is rated a very tough youngster, and off the form he showed in disposing of Bob Pastor, may make a real fight of it.

In taking on Mann, with nothing to gain and everything to lose, Louis is once again showing that he meant what he said about being a "fighting champ" and giving the fans a run for their money, something they haven't had from a heavyweight king since the days of Jack Dempsey's reign.

Dodger Head Tells Plans

MacPhail, the red-haired, sandy-faced Irishman that he is, has never had any actual playing experience in the big-time leagues. But the 47-year-old "go-getter" has spent seven enviable years as an executive boss with the Cincy Reds and the Columbus American Association Club, — three with the latter and four with the former—both of which he took over as 8th-place outfits and converted into money-makers.

"My main idea is to build an organization and a ball club," said MacPhail not so long ago. "We are starting almost from zero. On the ball field we have a few valuable players and we don't intend to get rid of them unless we get players in return."

This brought up the question of Van Lingle Mungo, the Dodgers' ace right-hander. MacPhail was emphatic when he said that the big hurler won't be put on the block unless a player-for-player deal is involved. The question of greenbacks has been brushed aside by the new executive, which establishes some sort of precedent in Doger business circlese.

"If Mungo is to be traded," explained he, who, incidentally, will hereafter govern all business, farm club and managerial transactions, "it will be only when attractive playing material is offered."

Briefly, MacPhail's plans may be listed as follows:

1—Build the Dodgers into an aggressive contender.

2—Repair and recondition the park.

3—Make Burleigh Grimes managerial boss on the field.

4—Build a farm club organization to produce players (which means concentrating on the Nashville Club next year as their main storehouse).

5—Cancel all pending deals for Mungo unless only worth - while players are involved.

Grimes recently set March 7 as the date for the opening of the conditioning period in Clearwater. MacPhail, however, favors February 27 for the inaugural and Grimes is expected to agree.

Capacity Crowd Sees Postal Clerks Upset Furriers in Debut

By Roy Parker

Wow!

The hitherto unbeaten Furriers Joint Council basketball team had its wings clipped before a packed house at Stuyvesant High School Sunday night.

In a last minute finish that had the spectators in a frenzy of excitement, the previously "unknown" New York Federation of Post Office Clerks, Local 10, pinned the Furriers' ears back to the tune of 47-44.

The entrance of teams like the Post Office Clerks into the Trade Union Athletic Association and the rejuvenation of the Meat Cutters and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Local 1225, is going to keep things popping with a vengeance on the labor courts. And, incidentally, the mob that jammed its way into the Stuyvesant gym was the largest one to watch a T.U.A.A. triple-header yet.

POSTAL CLERKS AMAZE

Completely stealing the spotlight from the other two games, either one of which was close and exciting enough to provide a show all its own, the Furriers-Post Office Clerks game gave even the sourest spectators more than his money's worth.

Although Marty Ackerman, the thin lad who accounts for most of the Furriers' points, came through with sixteen, and Emil Sietkewicz, the stocky Joint Council guard who runs him a close second notched thirteen, the stars—and the Post demons of the labor courts" were about due to take it on the chin.

After trailing for three-quarters of a wild and woolly game Jack Singer, Morris Lubin and Jack Stamler decided something ought to be done about the state of affairs—and did it. Before the Furriers knew what was happening they were trailing 46-39. In a last desperate spurt they brought the score back to 46-44, but there was no helping the situation.

The Furriers had been presented with gold medals for winning the first half of the league schedule before the game. But it was the Postal boys, not a "jinx," that stopped them.

MEAT CUTTERS NOSED OUT

To start the evening off, the Meat Cutters Join Council, hampered by the absence of two of its stars, put up a great fight before dropping a close 29-24 decision to the "Silver Local" of the U.E.R. W.M. Howard Blackma, Negro ace, and Dave Goldman bore the brunt of the Meat Cutters' attack but were unable to cope with the return to form of Milt Klein, deadeye U.E.R.M.W. forward, who ran up a good thirteen points.

Finishing up the evening's entertainment with another exciting touch, the Teachers Union, Local 5, narrowly escaped with a 36-33 victory over the United Office and Professional Workers, Local 16. The former college stars had their hands full, especially when Lew Lawes and Sam May took it upon themselves to run up the main part of 19 points for the Office Workers in the final period and fall just an inch or two short of victory. May particularly, put on a grand show, popping the ball in several times from way out in the middle of the court.

(FIRST GAME)

U.E.R.M.W., Local 1225 (29)	G.	F.	P.	Meat Cutters (24)	G.	F.	P.
Arginsky, rf	1	1	3	Glass, rf	0	0	0
Epstein	1	0	2	Green, lf	1	0	2
Klein, lf	4	5	13	Cohan	0	0	0
Gitlen, c	2	0	4	Blackman, c	3	1	7
Cooperm'n, rg	0	1	1	Sherman, rg	1	0	2
Grad, lg	3	0	6	Goldman, lg	3	5	11
TOTALS	11	7	29	TOTALS	8	6	24
(SECOND GAME)							
P.O. Clerks (47)	G.	F.	P.	Furriers (44)	G.	F.	P.
Singer, rf	4	0	8	Acker'n, rf	8	0	16
Ungerlei'r, lf	4	1	9	Hirsh, lf	2	0	4
Stamler	3	0	6	Horowitz	0	0	0
Lille	1	0	2	Weinfuss, c	0	1	1
Lubin, c	3	1	7	Friedman	0	0	0
Hecker	0	0	0	Summer, rg	4	0	8
Muntner	0	0	0	I. Summer	1	0	3
Smith, rg	3	1	7	Sietke'z, lg	4	5	13
Germanski	0	0	0				
Sobelman, lg	4	0	8	TOTALS	19	6	44
Richler	0	0	0				
TOTALS	22	3	47				
(THIRD GAME)							
Teachers Union (36)	G.	F.	P.	U.O.P.W.A. (33)	G.	F.	P.
Marks, rf	3	3	9	Feiner, rf	0	0	0
Mott, lf	4	1	9	Bayarsky, lf	2	0	4
Greenberg, c	0	0	0	Kaufman, c	3	0	6
Steinberg	0	0	0	Lawes, rg	6	1	13
Karr, rg	4	0	8	May, lg	5	5	15
Paskell, lg	4	0	8				
Klot	1	0	2	TOTALS	16	1	33
TOTALS	16	4	36				

LIU Takes Over Scoring Lists

As the college basketball teams take a breathing spell for mid-year examination, the much-playing boys of L.I.U. seem to have grabbed the spotlight temporarily from the more highly touted local teams.

The win over Duquesne climaxed a week which showed the steadily improving Beemen at their best, one which included a decisive victory over a hitherto unbeaten George Washington team.

With C.C.N.Y. and N.Y.U. not playing often, the Blackbirds share the latest spotlight with the St. John's team, unbeaten since its unfortunate debut against Illinois.

The surge is reflected in the list of scorers, where the first five men in the city are L.I.U.'ers.

Individual scoring:

	G.	Fld.	F.	Tot.
Torgoff, L. I. U.	13	74	22	170
Bromberg, L. I. U.	15	62	8	133
Hillhouse, L. I. U.	15	49	33	131
Kaplowitz, L. I. U.	13	51	15	117
King, L. I. U.	14	43	33	119
Boardman, N. Y. U.	11	43	39	125
Witty, N. Y. U.	11	43	15	101
Fliegel, C. C. N. Y.	8	34	23	91
Bush, St. John's	10	38	19	95
Cole, Manhattan	11	38	17	93

Bobby Signs Up

CLEVELAND, Jan. 24 (UP).—Bob Feller, youthful pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, was under 1938 contract today, reportedly for $17,000. It already had been announced that Feller would receive a bonus based on attendance at home games. He had returned the first contract, sent him last week.

Fast-Moving Rangers Gun For Ice Lead at Boston

The race for first place in the American Division of the National Hockey League tightened yesterday, the New York Rangers having approached within four points of the pace-setting Boston Bruins.

The Rangers gained two points when they massacred the Montreal Maroons 8-2, while the Bruins were being nosed 3-2 by the Chicago Blackhawks. Louis Trudell scored midway of the third period to give the Hawks their winning goal and snap a three-game losing streak.

The Chicago victory enabled the Hawks to stay three points ahead of Detroit in the fight for the last playoff place in the decision. The Detroit Stanley cup champions took a 3-2 decision over the New York Americans when Eddie Wares tallied in the third stanza. The loss prevented the Americans from taking second place in the League's Canadian division.

The standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
AMERICAN DIVISION				
Boston	18	7	3	39
N. Y. Rangers	15	8	4	34
Chicago	8	14	6	22
Detroit	6	16	7	19
CANADIAN DIVISION				
Toronto	13	7	7	33
Canadiens	10	10	7	27
N. Y. Americans	10	11	6	26
Maroons	9	16	3	21

This week's schedule: Tonight—Rangers at Boston; Thursday—Rangers at Canadiens, Detroit at Chicago; Saturday—Boston at Montreal, Detroit at Toronto; Sunday—Canadiens at Americans, Rangers at Chicago, Boston at Detroit.

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